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The battle honours gained before "The Great War " are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour and those in thick type gained during The Great War " are emblazoned on The King's Colour.

JOTTINGS.

The G.O.C., B.T.E., Lieut. General Sir E. Peter Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Battalion at Field Work on February 9th.

Lieut. Colonel R. Luker has been in ill health for some time and is now *en-route* to England. All ranks wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to the Battalion.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Colonel R. L. Lees on his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 6th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers. in succession to Lord Rochdale,

We also have to offer our congratulations to Captains Franks and Dodson on their promotion.

Captain G. Surtees and family are due to join us at Gibraltar. We extend a very hearty welcome to them.

Captain and Mrs T.B.C. Piggott embarked on the Neuralia for England on the 27th January. We wish them the very best of luck in all their undertakings in the future.

Extracts from the London Gazette.

February 19th. Lan Fus :—Captain T.B.C. Piggott, M.C. on attaining the age fixed for compulsory retirement, retires receiving a gratuity (Feb. 18th).
R.A.R.O.
Lan. Fus :—Captain T.B.C. Piggott, MC., retired, to be Major (Feb.18.)

March 1st Lan. Fus :—Captain H.F. Otway M.C. retires on retired pay 16th Nov. 1928.
Captain G. Surtees, MC., is restored to the establishment 22nd Dec. 1928.
Lieut. F. Franks, MC., to be Captain 21st Jan. 1928.

March 19th. Lan Fus :—Lieut. H.M. Dodson to be Captain 18th Feb. 1929.

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Father Christmas, Mr. E. N. Miles

We offer our congratulations to Lieut. W.H. Lees who qualified in Subject-B. at the examination which was held in Cairo during October 1928. (G.O. 60/1929.)

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Captain Rollo Worthington who was on one of his periodical visits to Egypt.

We congratulate Lieut. A.J.O. Bridgeman on his successes in Subject B, Housa and Campaigning in Nigeria.

The latest information about our move is that the Battalion embarks at Port Said on Thursday the 2nd May for Gibraltar.

As we are due to move to Catterick next trooper our stay no doubt will be very short. On arrival the companies will be distributed as follows::—

At South Barracks, "HQ" "Wing." "C" (MG) and "D" Companies.

At North Front. "A" and "B" Companies, changing over with "C" (MG) and "D" Companies for weapon training

The Governor and C-in-C of the Rock, Sir Alexander Godley, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanded the Southern Command when the Battalion was stationed at Tidworth.

2/Lieut .C.G. Bowen and a party of N.C.Os and men visited Jerusalem during the Christmas break.

2/Lieut. J.N.H. Christie embarked on the S.S. Letitia at Port Said on April 5th for a course at the S.A.S., Hythe.

St. Andrews greetings were exchanged with the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, Dover.

Cable greetings for Christmas were received from Major Massy-Westropp. Captain Hawkins, and Lieut. Slattery (Gibraltar en route to U.K.) Mr. Jack Williams, Dover; and Captain Maurice Healey (Marconigram London).

A draft of 87 other ranks for the 2nd Bn. conducted by Lieut. E.A. Gordon left Helwan Camp at 4.30 am. on the 9th March and embarked on H.T. "Nevasa" at Port Said at 12.30 a.m. same day. The same officer took over a draft of 85 other ranks from the Depot and conducted them to Moascar.

The Annual Xmas Treat for the Married Families took place in the Garrison Hall on December 29th. To the immense delight of the children, Father Christmas (Mr. Miles) arrived on a camel and as usual was a great success.

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Capt. S. H. Winterbottom, M.C., Lieut. J. J. M. Kenrick, Capt. R. Mc L. Armitage, Lieut. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M., Lieut. Col. R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C., Lieut. A. Ames, Major E. J. B. Tagg, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lieut. L. O. Lyne, Lieut. G. B. King, Lieut. R. S. Leamy.

We offer a welcome to C.S.M. Jeanes and family who rejoined the Battalion on the 23rd February, from the T.A.

On the 17th February C.S.M. Nunn embarked on H.T. City of Marseilles for a tour with the T.A vice C.S.M. Bradley.

C.S.M. and Mrs. Haugh embarked on the S.S. Morvada at Port Said for London on the 23rd February. We trust that their tour with the 6th Battalion Lan. Fus. will be a pleasant one.

Subscribers are again reminded that subscriptions for 1928 are overdue.

After the 21st April all correspondence should be addressed to :—
South Barracks, Gibraltar.

LETTERS OF INTEREST.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was much interested in reading the Programme of Music played by the Band of the XX. Regiment in 1838 on the occassion of the Presentation of Colours by the Duke of Wellington which appears in the last number of the "*Gallipoli Gazette*".

Mr. Oliver's grand daughter has in her possession, two tattered volumes of (MSS) music in the late Band Master's handwriting of several Operatic Airs which he orchestrated for the Band, including some from "Norma" and "Semiramide" which appear in the programme of 1838.

A M.S.S. Copy of the "*Railroad Galop*" has its place is one of these old volumes and was performed at a concert given by Mr. Oliver in 1848 when he was in Canada with the Regiment.

A newspaper of that day gives an account of the concert which runs as follows :—

"The Concert was instrumental throughout. The Band of the 20th Regiment of which Mr Oliver is Master, is an exceedingly effective Band, perhaps the very best that has ever visited Canada, and under its able leaders direction, played with much precision and effect some of the most difficult orchestral pieces yet composed....but that which pleased the audience most was a new kind of Galop called "The Railroad Galop" in which all kinds of horrible discords strange sounds, and moving incidents were made

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to accord a la Bethoven, with a pleasing lively melody, This was so much admired, that it demanded and received a unanimous encore."

A collection of well known tunes under the title of "Great Exhibition Fantasia" is to be found in these old books of (MSS) and includes "Rule Brittannia," "Russian Hymn," "Coburg March" "Vive Henry 4th." "God Save the Emperor." Yankee Doodle" and "God Save the Queen."

It would be interesting to note when and where this Fantasia was performed.

Yours faithfully, **E.R.D.**

Coonoor S. India.
March 12th 1929.

M.V.I., N.Q. Ipoh,
F.M.S.

Dear Sir,

Herewith 12/- as subscription to the Gallipoli Gazette, the last copy of which is just to hand.

S. M. Smith and myself are quite O.K. but Smith is not enamourd with the job he has here and is returning to the regiment on the expiration of his agreement.

I, of course, am now a fixture, and like the job immensely, but sometimes hanker after the Pomp and Circumstance of barrack square life.

I trust all old friends in the Bn, are well. They yearly get fewer and fewer, worse luck.

I remain,
Yours Sincerely,
V. Froud, C.M.S.
Perak M.V.I.

The Editor,
Gallipoli Gazette,
c/o 1st *Lan. Fus.*

Christmas 1928

The Officer Commanding,
1*st Battalion*
The Lancashire Fusiliers,
My Dear Luker,

With the enclosed Xmas Card please give my greetings to all the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of your fine Battalion who served with me in the 29th Division.

They are never forgotten by me.

Yours Sincerely,
(*Sd*) **Aylmer Hunter-Weston,**

CYPRUS.

Cyprus was first occupied by the British in 1878, when it was ceded to us by the Turks. This island is one of many cases where we hold possessions because it would be dangerous to let them go, and, if in the hands of some other power, might be made a base from which to menace the Suez Canal. Up to 1914 we paid annually to Turkey the surplus revenue of the island, but this was naturally stopped on the entry of Turkey into the Great War. Our occupation and ownership was finally confirmed by the Peace Conference.

Ever since our occupation, there have been a certain number of Regular British troops stationed there though the island is chiefly garrisoned by native military police, called Zaptis. Their training depot is at Nicosia, the capital, where annually competitions are held in the rifle, Lewis gun and athletic sports between the British troops and native police. Formerly the British garrison consisted of a battalion, but this was later reduced to one company which is detached from one of the units stationed in Egypt, usually at Moascar.

In 1878, the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers embarked on H.M.S. "Orontes" at Halifax, Nova Scotia and calling at Bermuda, Gibraltar, and Malta, sailed for Cyprus, where they landed at Larnaca on the 12th December. In the spring of 1879 three companies were employed in making a section of the new road from Limassol to Platres, at the foot of Mount Troodos. The Lancashire Fusiliers were the first regiment to establish a camp on Mount Troodos, and here they spent the summers of 1879-80. The camping ground was extended and cleared, good roads made, and many other improvements carried out. The health of the men was excellent.

Mount Troodos (5600 feet above sea level) lies amidst pine forests and is situated just below Mount Olympus, the highest peak of the southern range. The scenery is of the grandest and the most delightful walks can be taken over the numerous mountains and valleys, at the bottom of which fresh streams frequently flow. Going further afield one soon reaches the grape producing districts

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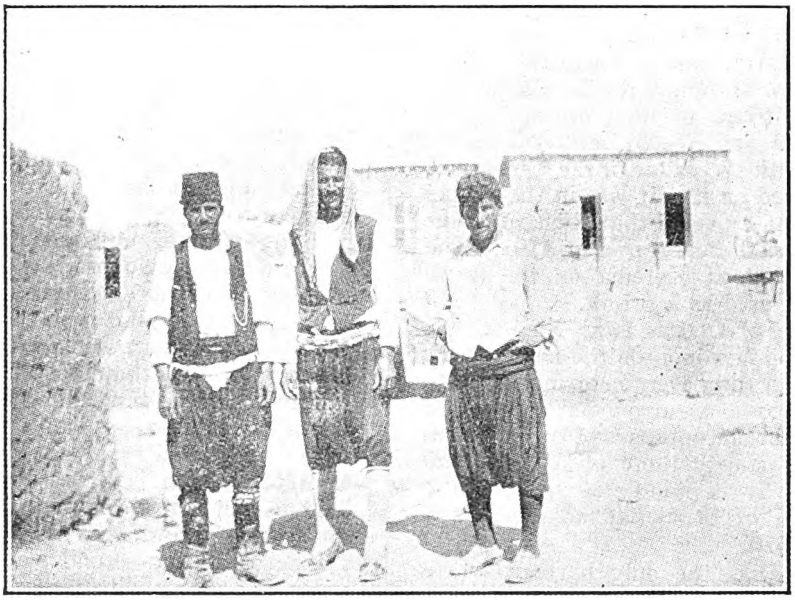
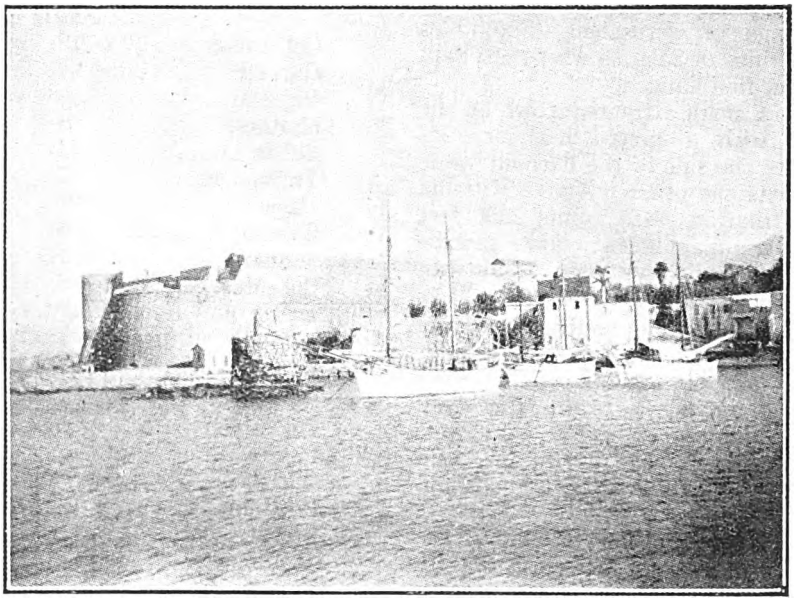


Natives of Cyprus



Kyrenia Castle

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where bunches can be had merely for the picking.

The winter of 1879-80 was spent at Polymedia, near Limassol, where the British troops are now stationed during the winter months. In front of the officers' mess here a sundial was erected, and still stands to this day with the badge of the Lancashire Fusiliers carved on it. It was in the chapel of the castle at Limassol that Richard Coeur de Lion married Berengaria in 1191. The castle, like that at Kyrenia on the north coast, is now used as a prison.

The capital of Cyprus is at Nicosia, but during the summer months the heat is very oppressive and the government moves up to Troodos. Nicosia is surrounded by walls 3 miles in length, but only two of the old gates now remain, namely those of Kyrenia and Famagusta. In the middle of the town lies the cathedral of St. Sofia, adapted as a mosque in 1570.

Famagusta has the only harbour where steamers can come alongside the docks. It is now a desert dotted with ruins as most of its stones were sold to the builders of Alexandria and Port Said. Here again there is a cathedral adapted as a mosque. At this cathedral the kings of Cyprus used to be crowned Kings of Jerusalem. Six miles north lie the ruins of Salamis where SS. Paul and Barnabas first landed.

Kyrenia is a small attractive town on the north coast with a pretty harbour. Its castle protects one side of the harbour while a mole protects the other. Above Kyrenia towers St. Hilarion castle, some 2200 feet up, from where magnificent views can be obtained. On clear days Asia Minor can be seen on the horizon to the north.

The Cypriotes are an agricultural race and inclined to be lazy, the women doing a great deal of the work. If they think that their employers are making a profit they will stop work. This is especially noticeable when the employers are Europeans, and hence it is very difficult to start and maintain a business.

The only other occasion on which the Lancashire Fusiliers were in Cyprus was in 1899, when in November of that year a detachment of 3 officers and 97 other ranks sailed from Malta.

S.R.G.

SAILING.

Sailing in the garrison has suffered a severe blow by the loss of Captain Piggott to the retired list. All those who enjoy their weekly race on Lake Timsah have to thank Captain Piggott for it. On our arrival at Moascar few of us had done any sailing before, and it is by his untiring efforts alone that we have become so proficient in the art.

During the winter sailing has been going on spasmodically, but with the advent of the King's Regiment it has received a number of recruits, so that for months weekly sailing should be assured. The only trouble is that there are so few boats available and it is difficult to find sufficient to meet the demand Captain Dodson is a new recruit to Lake Timsah but not to sailing, at which he is an old hand ; he showed his form recently by gaining third and second places on two respective occasions with rather a poor boat.

The points on the 22nd. January were as follows, taking 4 points for a win, 3 for a second, 2 for a third and 1 for a fourth.

	No of Starts	*Points*	*Average*
Col. Luker	18	50	2.77
Garratt	24	59	2.45
Piggott	30	72	2.40
Brothers	5	9	1.8
Bulfin	4	7	1.75
Tuck	5	8	1.6
Page	21	31	1.47
Gartlan	8	11	1.37
Jennings	7	9	1.29
Col. Macauly	5	6	1.2

Number of Winning Flags :—

	1st	*2nd*	*3rd*	*Total*
Piggott	10	7	5	22
Garratt	8	3	5	16
Col. Luker	7	4	4	15
Page	1	4	4	9
Gartlan	1	3	2	6
Brothers	1	1	1	3
Bulfin	1	1	–	2
Jennings	–	1	1	2
Brown	1	–	–	1
Col. Macaulay	–	2	–	2
Col. Coates	–	–	1	1
Dodson	–	–	1	1

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As a conclusion we hope that we shall be able to get plenty of sailing at Gibraltar. Reports are very vague on the subject, but there is a Yacht Club there so that those who are keen should be able to get all the sailing they want.

HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT.

On the 22nd June 1813, the day after the battle of Vittoria the pursuit of the French was continued. The deliverance of Spain was nearly complete. Only the extreme north-west and that close to the frontier was left to Joseph, erstwhile, King of all Spain. Even this was soon abandoned. Joseph fell back by Pampeluna and this with San Sebastian, was blockaded, the XX encamping within sight of Pampeluna on the 26th June.

Since the battle of Vittoria the regiment formed part of a force with which, by a series of forced marches, Lord Wellington endeavoured to cut off the French General (Clausel) before he could enter Tudella, a large town on the Ebro due south of Pampeluna.

Leaving the encampment on the 27th June the force swung southwards to Tafalla and then eastwards to Aybar, the XX going into quarters at the latter place on the 1st July. For six weeks the regiment had been continuously on the march and during this period it had traversed six hundred miles over rugged and zigzag flinty roads, along winding valleys, over difficult moutains, and through dense forests. Colonel Robert Ross was promoted Major-General on the Staff (dated 1st June 1813) and appointed to command the Brigade in which the XX was serving in the Peninsula. Lieut-Colonel Andrew Wauchope succeeded to the command of the corps, consequent on the promotion of General Ross.

From the 6th to the 17th July the regiment was quartered at Villalba, and formed part of the blockading force before Pampeluna. On the 18th July, it was relieved by a Spanish Regiment, and moved to an encampment near Zubiri; on the next day it marched to Espinal, two miles in advance of Viscayret in the valley of Urroz.

A series of extraordinary combats classed as the "Battles of the Pyrenees," in which the XX displayed the most wonderful tenacity and bravery were now engaged in.

Pyrenees.

About midnight on the 24th July, the regiment was called to arms, and at daybreak on the 25th, moved up the Mendichuri Pass. On reaching a point about half way up the Lindouz ridge, General Ross halted the right wing, and led the left wing and a company of Oels Brunswickers up the heights. When they gained the summit they suddenly came upon the enemy skirmishers, whose fire proved troublesome to the wing, General Ross called for a company to drive them away, and without waiting for further orders, Captain George Tovey doubled his (number 6) company out, and soon cleared the skirmishers from the wooded hollow in front of the wing, but when they came to the opposite side of the wood, they unexpectedly came face to face with a strong column of the enemy, which was in the act of mounting the ridge from the opposite side to that by which the wing had ascended The French Commander called upon the men of the company to lay down their arms, but Captain Tovey answered by ordering his company to charge with the bayonet. They rushed headlong into the French column, killing the commander and two other officers and many men with the bayonet. The French were almost paralysed with astonishment at finding themselves, a regiment (6th Light Infantry) in column, attacked by such a handful of men. Finding his company outnumbered by ten to one Captain Tovey called aloud to his men to retire. One serjeant, one corporal, and twenty two men of the company were killed or wounded in this affair. The left wing retired to the base of the ridge (followed by Tovey's men) where the right under Major Bent, had taken up a strong position, and was ready to receive the enemy, who now made a series of desperate attacks, the officers

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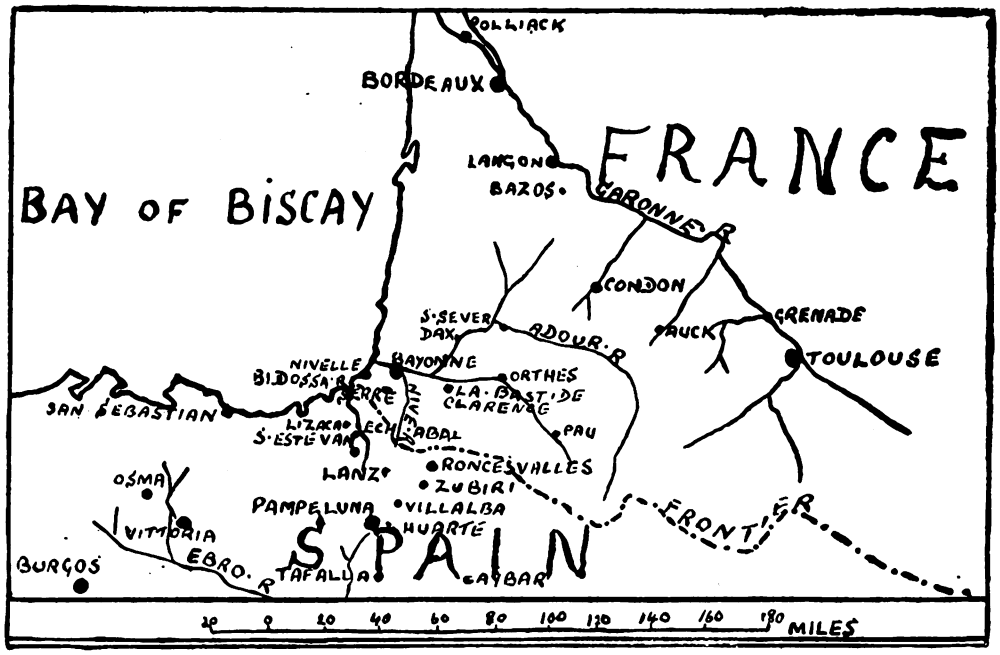

Operations in Spain and France 1813-14.

leading and urging their men with great vehemence, but this furious bravery was of no avail, the XX stood firm and unshaken.

The French were met with withering volleys, and any of them who happened to reach were bayonetted. No prisoners were taken during this day's fight. The post was held until the remainder of the Brigade, (the 7th and 23rd Fusiliers) came up, and thus Marshal Soult received his first repulse in the Pyrenees. In this combat (called Roncesvalles) the XX suffered severely, the Adjutant (Lieut. Buist) two serjeants, two corporals and ten privates killed, twelve privates missing, and two serjeants, two corporals and ninety eight privates wounded. Lieut. Colonel Wallace, Major Bent and Lieuts. Champagne, Crokat Walker, Smith and Ensigns Thompson and Oakley were wounded.

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Sjt. Thomas and party leaving Moascar 1928.

Of the earlier or first period of the fight at Roncesvalles, Napier writes :—" The head of Ross's column, composed of a wing of the XX and a company of Brunswickers, was on the summit of the Lindouz where most unexpectedly it encountered Reille's advance guard. The moment was critical, but Ross, an eager, hardy soldier, called aloud to charge, and Captain Tovey, of the XX, running forward with his company, crossed a slight wooded hollow and full against the front of the 6th Light Infantry dashed with the bayonet. Brave men fell by that weapon on both sides, but, numbers prevailing, these daring soldiers were pushed back by the French. Ross, however, gained his object, the remainder of his brigade had come up, and the pass of Atalosti was secured, yet with a loss of one hundred and forty men of the XX regiment and forty one of the Brunswisckers.

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THE FOUR HORSEMEN.

When, in the latter months of 1914, the surge to join the Colours and take part in the Great Adventure was at its height, it is probably correct to assume that every budding Bonaparte secretly contemplated in his inmost mind the risks and dangers that awaited him, but it is no doubt equally true that such anticipations were solely identified with direct action on the part of a hostile Hun, and little, if any, thought was given to possible damage to person or dignity through risks encountered on the home front. Lest the trials and tribulations then experienced should be lost sight of with the passing years, the following adventures of certain members of a unit in a second line Territorial Division, then stationed at a well-known northern watering place, are recounted.

Before the war it would no doubt have been difficult to find an officer in the Regular Army who was unable to ride, but in the New Armies matters were different. The commissioned ranks were drawn from all classes and sections of the community, and many, through lack of opportunity or inclination, were entirely devoid of any equestrian skill, their sole experience in that direction having been confined to donkey rides as children during their summer sea-side holidays.

But what matter ? They had no intention of joining the Cavalry, and though it was no doubt a fact that the Colonel of an Infantry battalion was mounted, they never at that time, even in their wildest flights of imagination, as they proudly and self-consciously regarded their one pip, considered the possibility, however long the war might last, of ever being called upon to occupy any such exalted rank as would necessitate contemplating suicide from the outside of a horse. And so, regardless of their doom, they went on forming fours and devising the best means of avoiding the staff (for even the humblest and most insignificant of God's creatures, such as the lesser lepidoptera and Second Loots. are deeply imbued with the instincts of self-preservation), feeling that in those two courses of action they were acquiring a thorough working knowledge of the whole art of war.

But soon a change occurred. Up to that point the units had been working on the old eight company formation, but subsequently an order was issued that the eight companies would be amalgamated into four companies ; and the rumour gained ground, soon to be confirmed, that company officers were to be mounted, and where all had an equal shortness of service and an equal lack of experience any one might become, or at any rate be called upon to act as, a company commander; and the C.O. issued the order that all officers must learn to ride.

To those accustomed to the saddle from their youth such an order might present little difficulty, but to men of mature age, brought up to a commercial career in an industrial centre with little opportunity for riding exercise, matters were very different. However the job, like other unaccustomed jobs at that time, had to be tackled, and the following veracious incidents, culled from memory, are but a few of the adventures of the four company officers of the unit in question, O.C. B. Company in particular, incredible as it may appear, having never been on a horse in his life. He was, however, a conscientious officer of unbounded courage and determination.

It was naturally too much to expect that the Army Re-mount Department could at that time supply the requirements of a second line territorial division, their efforts being concentrated on far more important and urgent demands elsewhere, so chargers had to be begged borrowed or hired from local livery stables, riding schools, farms and private owners.

Behold, then, O.C. B Company, after a short course of preliminary and elementary instruction, on a fine afternoon in early autumn, essaying his first venture alone, a venture which, like many others, was destined to come to a somewhat undignified conclusion. His mount, a large raw-boned quadruped, free from actual vice but blessed with either a too retentive memory or an exaggerated sense of humour, quickly realised the inexperience of his rider, and thereupon took complete charge of the proceedings, with the result that after a short tour of one or two side streets the householders of that part of the town were surprised and impressed by the fact that their afternoon supplies

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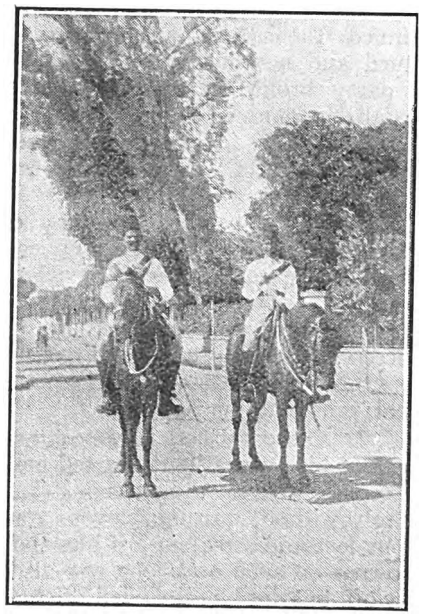
of milk were being distributed apparently under the supervision and escort of the military authorities—a mounted officer accompanying the milk float. The householders were not alone in their surprise: it was shared by the milkman, by O.C. B. Company, and, with the exception of the horse, by all others concerned. As the milk float advanced, the horse and O.C B. Company advanced. When the float stopped they promptly came to a halt from which no amount of agitation of the reins nor endearing clucking sounds could move the faithful animal. The halt lasted until the milk was delivered. The replacing of the lid on the milk can operated as a "prepare to move" signal, and the banging of the door of the float the signal to move. And so the little procession passed on. It subsequently transpired that in civilian life the horse was engaged in the milk trade, and whether it was suffering from a serious attack of absent mindedness, or whether it wished to display its rise in the social scale to its former business colleagues, will never be known. Suffice it to say. at a later hour, O.C. B. Company was somewhat ignominiously led back to billets by the milkman s boy

A later effort was little, if at all, more successful. O.C. B. Company on this occasion had obtained a mount from a local riding school, and, the horse being amenable, had managed to pilot it down to the shore where the intelligent animal as soon as he felt the soft sand beneath his hoofs, according to custom broke into a brisk canter thereby taking his rider by surprise and causing him the maximum amount of discomfort and apprehension. He grasped the saddle firmly with one hand and held the reins bunched taut in the other, violently sawing at the mouth of his unfortunate steed.

The horse who, to quote the immortal Gilpin—

"Never in that sort had handled been before"
What he had got upon his back did wonder more and more,"

was rapidly growing fractious and weary of the whole business when a diversion occurred. Far, far across the desert sands, a mounted cavalcade appeared, comprising the pupils from a local seminary for young ladies, out for their afternoon ride accompanied by a competent instructor. O.C. B. Company's mount hailed from the same stable, and recognising its friends and being of a gregarious disposition, at once set off to join his stable companions. He insinuated himself familiarly among the party and insisted on completing the ride with them, no efforts on the part of his rider, nor blandishments or violence on the part of the competent instructor being successful in prevailing upon him to deviate from his purpose. The competent instructor was clearly placed in a position of some difficulty. Not only was he breaking all regulations by permitting a stranger to communicate with his charges, but from a professional standpoint, to the casual observer unaware of the somewhat unusual circumstances, the presence in the party of a rider possessing the seat and hands of O.C. B. Company was far from proving a credit to the efficiency of the instructor's tuition; while B. Company's commander, who was a shy and diffident young man where the opposite sex was concerned, was challenging the setting sun



Mounted Police, Ismailia.

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with his blushes as he stammered his explanations and apologies. And so the ride continued, the silence only broken by the subdued and nervous titters of the riders. The party broke up at the school gates where all dismounted; the horse accompanied his now riderless friends and trotted back to his stable. O.C. B Company returned to billets on foot.

Meanwhile his brother company officers had not been idle but had been endeavoring through many adventures and vicissitudes, too long to relate here, to improve their limited horsemanship with varying degrees of success, depending to a great extent upon the nature and instincts of the particular animal provided for their use.

O.C. D. Company had, however, acquired a horse of his own, a light-hearted mercurial quadruped, with a disconcerting habit of suddenly, without warning, slewing round on all four feet and streaking off like the wind. His owner on such occasions was also invariably off, but not like the wind. The latter, as is wellknown, "bloweth where it listeth." but O.C. D. Company's position after such a manoeuvre was generally stationary and sedentary, with a sensation as though his spine had been driven through the top of his cap. All four officers had, however, acquired shiny brown leggings and spurs, and could even walk downstairs in the latter without tearing the carpet or tripping more than three times, and when dismounted began really to look the part.

At last the day arrived when for the first time the battalion paraded at full strength with complete equipment, including four mounted company officers. The occasion was an inspection by the divisional commander, and was to be held on the site of a disused pleasured park, a cynical misnomer, adjoining the shore. The battalion arrived on the scene of action in good time, the horses behaving with commendable decorum *en route*. The ranks were dressed, re-dressed and in many cases forcibly addressed, and re-dressed, then the interminable wait for the arrival of the great man commenced.

Probably more precious hours have been irretrievably wasted in awaiting the advent of an inspecting general than in any other military exercise. The reason is not far to seek. The G.O.C. indicates to the brigadier his intention of inspecting the——battalion on a certain spot on a certain date at 11-0 a.m. The brigade-major, to be on the safe side, issues orders for that unit to be in position at 10-0 a.m. The C.O., wishing to run no risks, orders his battalion to parade at 9-0 a.m. The company officers, not to be outdone, parade their companies at 8-30; and so on. What would happen in the unlikely contingency of a field-marshal wishing to inspect a platoon, and the above procedure being adopted in its entirety is too terrible to contemplate. Probably the troops would have become time-expired and their arms and equipment obsolete before the actual hour of the inspection arrived. Even in the event of the divisional commander being punctual, a wait of some hours is inevitable; and much may happen in that time. Hands and other extremities grow cold, noses require blowing, tickles and itches must be scratched, and feet which have been dressed and aligned with mathematical accuracy have an uncanny tendency, without any perceptible movement, of assuming an alignment not indistinguishable from a particularly unsettled weather chart.

Such is the effect of the protracted delay on the human animal. But that intelligent quadruped the horse is less complaisant, and resents waste of time. In the present instance, when the battalion arrived, all had been well, and for raw troops almost exemplary—hardly a button or a strap out of place; even the pioneers or sanitary men—an obvious and unpleasantly perceptible misnomer—being shaved for the occasion. And the four company officers sat demurely on their steeds, the regulation number of paces in front of their respective commands, hoping for the best but fearing that such exemplary behaviour was too good to last. Their fears were not ill-founded. As time went on the patient animals grew restless, and when at last the great man arrived a certain amount of disorganisation amongst the company officers was apparent. O.C. A. Company was fortunate but immobile. His mount was apparently asleep. Its ears drooped and its head hung in an attitude of Christian resignation, the Christian attributes being further emphasised by the devotional curve of its knees; and the whole structure appeared on the

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point of either kneeling in prayer or of total collapse. O.C. B. Company had deserted his post, but could be observed intermittently in a far corner of the pleasure park, where his horse was proceeding at a gentle canter round and round the band stand, any interference with the reins merely resulting in his swinging round and continuing the pratice in the reverse direction. The subsequent discovery of the fact that the horse had been in the habit of putting in a certain amount of overtime at the local circus brought little comfort to his disconsolate rider. The mount of O.C. C Company was engaged on an operation, which, according to Mr. Kipling, is the exclusive prerogative of "Fuzzy-Wuzzy," namely, that of disintegrating the formation of a regiment of British infantry. He had already backed through the two leading platoons, and the band, who were drawn up almost immediately in the rear of C. Company were beginning to wonder whether the line would hold, or whether, as non-combatants, the time had not arrived for a strategic retreat. Finally, at the point where the parade ground joined the shore, O.C. D. Company was being brushed down by sympathetic civilian spectators, while others retrieved map cases, field glasses and other similar impedimenta from various quarters; and a speck on the far horizon was understood to be "Charger D. Company, for the use of one." apparently heading for the open sea and certain death, and that he might achieve the latter as speedily and painfully as possible was the earnest prayer of his erstwhile rider.

He was, however, a human and good tempered general, who could realise and appreciate the difficulties of others. And so, beyond a kindly suggestion that both riders and horses might benefit by a little further expert tuition before being utilised for ceremonial purposes, no adverse comment was made.

That night at least two company officers seriously contemplated a transfer, the respective merits of the Flying Corps and the Mechanical Transport being exhaustively discussed.

Meanwhile, the war went on.

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ROSE OF REMEMBRANCE.

'Tis only a pretty rose, so fragrant yet so sweet,
Just a token of the days gone by, when men in war did'st meet,
Mid'st bursting shell, and baynets grim, brave men their doom,
And still, through all this bloody strife, the rose still held its bloom,

To the beat of the drums, and colours held high, the men of Minden came,
Unto that hellish battlefield, to save old England'name,
To fight for their dear old country, 'pon which foreign foe ne'er trod.
Some to live, some to die, buried 'neath a bloodstained sod.

Once, twice, thrice, they beat their angry foe,
Fighting their way to victory, drums beating as they go,
Onward, Onward, with colours held high, men falling at their feet,
And from the trees, they plucked a rose, so fragrant and so sweet.

Then the night and victory, the battle at last is o'er.
Dying, wounded, weary lay the victors and the vanquished foe,
Huddled close together, amongst their glorious dead,
At last in mercy, sleep did'st claim them, a battle-field for their bed.

And with the dawn, that petaled rose, once more to life did'st bloom,
And smiled upon that bloody track, 'pon which the dead lay strewn,
My God, to think the night before, the blood that now lay froze,
Was once so pure and full of life, as the heart of the Minden rose.

But now that years of time have passed, new battles fought and won,
We hear the people talk in awe, of deeds most bravely done,
Noble monuments erected, in England, Belgium, France.
But there's no Monument to compare—to the rose of remembrance.

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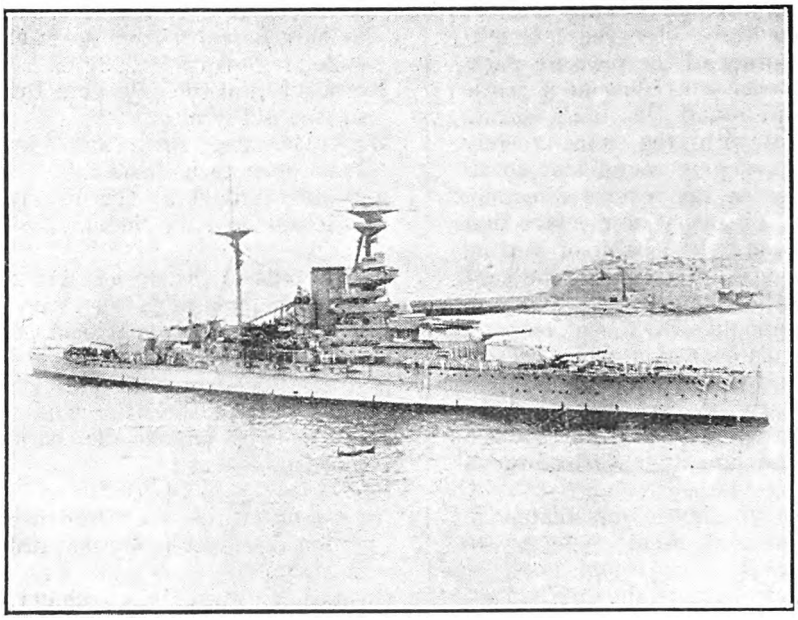

H.M.S. Royal Oak entering Malta Harbour.

THE WANDERINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF LANFUS.

121. Now it so happened that a certain Elder of the Children left the tribe to get rich quickly (so 'tis said) and lest he be stopped he departed in haste.

122. Now this Elder was likened unto a Prince for, sayeth he unto one of the Children, "Wouldst thou parade like this for the Prince of Cambria ?" and the youth answered "No, Oh Elder!" "So" sayeth the Elder; "If thy parade is not good enough for the Prince of Cam, how can it be good enough for me; for am I not the Prince of Parades" ?.

123. Yea! Verily!

124. But the hearts of the children were sore that he had left them, when anon a missive was received which said, "In a little while you shall see me," and the cup of joy was full to the brim at the thought of the wanderer's return, when alas a strangely worded missive was received which said "In a little while you shall see me not" And it was so

125, And he returned not. And the air was rent with wild cries and strong men giving way to their grief, drowned their sorrows at the fount of Bacchus Ah. Me!

126. Truly the ways of some men passeth understanding.

127. So well did the children play the game called rugger that none of the Canalites could withstand them, and they vanquished all comers, yea, even Firpo and his merry men.

128. Now it came to pass that the time arrived for the childern to depart for manoeuvres. And they looked a queer crowd for what they lacketh in men they made up for by carrying standards of yellow. But the Childern were Mightily pleased for were not the standards lighter than the guns called Lewis.

129. Now on the 18th day, and that a Thursday, the wrath of the Gods descended on the Army. A torrent of sand burst on the habitations of the Childern, and they were razed to the ground, and so fierce was it that none could face it, so that

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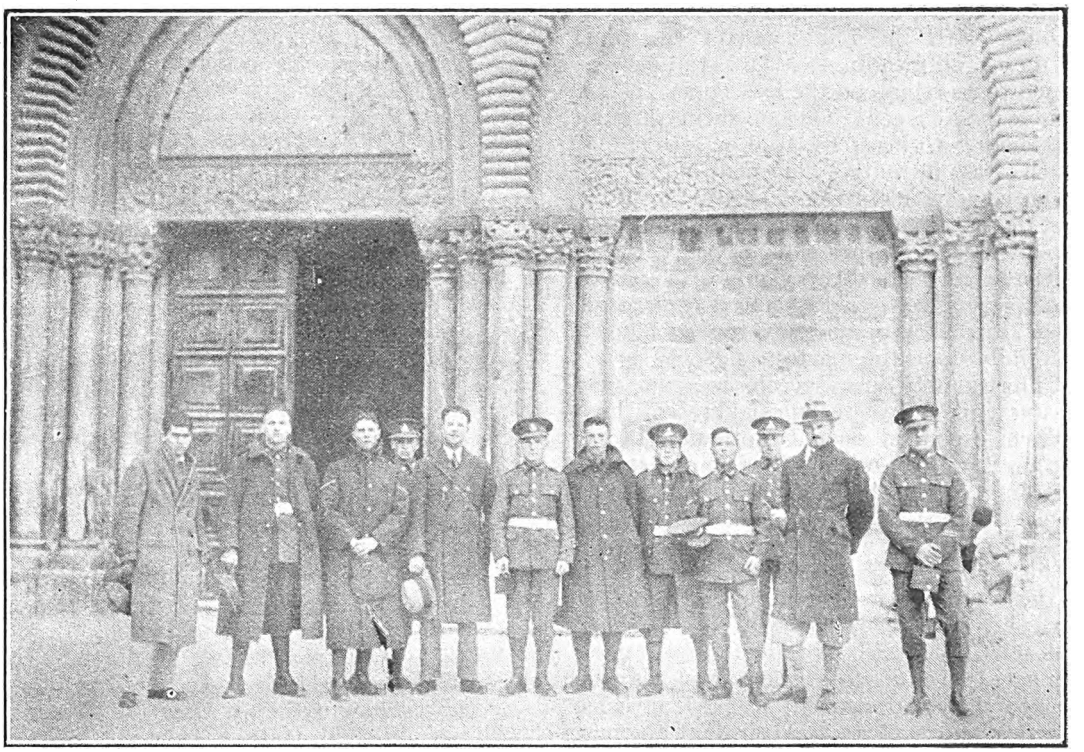

2/Lieut. C. G. Bowen and party outside the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem.

the land was likened unto Hell, for in the heat of the desert many strange thoughts come to man.

130. A dire calamity overtook the tribe of Lanfus for the Fathah of the Children, Kol Lukah was smitten with a sickness and took to his bed.

131. And the healers and magicians were sorely puzzled, yea, even Eff Bee, so that the Fathah journeyed home to the land of Eng, and the children prayed for his complete recovery and return to the tribe for it is not good for the tribe to be without a Fathah.

Extracts from the Helwan News and Advertiscr.

(*In which is incorporated The Moascar Moan*)

ANOTHER EASTERN CRISIS.

Battleships ordered to proceed to Scorpion Hill.

Can War be Averted ?

Hardly has the trouble in China been smoothed over, before the East again becomes unsettled.

We understand from a well informed source that the Minister of the interior has presented a strongly worded note to His Majesty's Government in London calling attention to the abuse of training areas in the vicinity of Cairo. It would appear that in spite of appeals from the local Sheiks a

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certain Battalion has insisted upon all of their company accountants proceeding on training with the remainder of the unit. As these well meaning N.C.Os are unaccustomed to marching on the great open spaces, trouble has ensued. One of them through not looking to his front, trod on a pyramid, which was instantly flattened out.

Our correspondent is in a position to prove that the Battlion in question was only ordered abroad to save further damage being caused to the Kent roads by the same individual. The person concerned showed no regret when interviewed and expressed himself very fully upon the matter.

Unfortunately his speech was for the greater part full of technical phrases which our correspondent could not understand, but he extracted from him the expression that the Minister who had lodged the complaint would "probably drop a ghoogli" (This we understand is a cricketing term).

Our sympathies are as a rule on the side of the Motherland, but on this accasion we have no desire to conceal our feelings. Unless CQMS....is recalled home more damage is bound to ensue. War may be averted if the Government will acknowledge its error and seek to make instant amends.

Our advice to the person who is the cause of this trouble is to turn to our great free insurance offer on page 4 of this issue.

If the Training gets your Dandy.
Try one of Gully's Shandies.

Wireless News and Local Weather Forecast.

The B.B.C. in answer to our requests made on behalf of our readers have promised to brighten up their programmes in future. By kind permission of the P.M.G. we are able to give advance notice of some of the forthcoming novelties.

Big Bill. "Moaning at the Bar."
A religious address on Indian Drafts Frank
Adventures of a Military Lothario in London .....Bert.
Early rising as an aid to success ....Cam.
Desperadoes of now-a-days .....Cane.
The far-flung outposts of the British Empire .....Dan.

Childrens Corner.—Owing to the illness of the Wireless Uncle the usual Birthday announcements cannot be broadcast tonight. We have placed this column at the disposal of the B.B.C. for this evening.

STOP PRESS.

The Secretary of State for War is anxious to know what excuse a certain C.Q.M.S., will invent to avoid the command manoeuvres.

Football.—Cup Final—held over an account of fog.

Stock Exchange.—Further outlook unsettled.

Shipping.—C.S.Ms. Haugh and Nunn passed a calm night.

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Answers to Correspondents and Co-respondents.

"*Syd*"—You cannot bring an action against your CSM because he says that the smell in the tent is not due to Iodine.

"*Bill*"—You may have held the Ace, King, Queen, Jack and six others of the same suit, but then it was your deal.

"*Doddy*"—Will you be quiet.

"*Cuse*"—You may not like the look of a certain comrade, but you are only one of a crowd.

"*Dave*"—No, we do not think there is any danger; the last case of hanging for chicken stealing was 1892.

"*Ernie*"—See answer to Dave.

"*S.S.Marseilles*"—You may have met a girl, Have you ever done anything else?

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Our Un-Natural History Column.

The camel is very similar to the soldier. He walks like a CSM, grunts like a CQMS, and drinks like a Serjeant. Sometimes he carries a load on his back like a Tommy, but nearly always he has the hump like a B.O.S.

Owing to his unpleasant smell he is usually kept with "B" Echelon, who don't appear to notice anything strange about it. A lot of people say this is hard lines on the camel as he as a very keen scent.

One nearly bit a Quartermaster Serjeant of "A" Company last year, but missed, we hope this does not occur again.

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Last year a group of the Serjeants' Mess had their photographs taken riding camels. You can easily tell which is which as the camels do not wear Sun Helmets.

Tomorrows lesson.—The Kite Hawk.

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Should the training raise your Bile.
Old George will mix you one Blue Nile.

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THE WORLDS GREATEST FREE INSURANCE OFFER TO ALL READERS.

In order to bring this paper into line with the other great English Dailies, we have at enormous expense been able to secure a scheme of free insurance that will appeal to all. In order to avail yourselves of this offer apply at once for your membership card to 6380-8064 El Maadi El Saaf Manoeuvre Map ; if there in no one there walk straight in and help yourself. Remember tomorrow may be too late—The sands are running out.

Some of the Benefits :—

	millièmes.
To every reader found drowned who is lightly holding current issue of our paper between his third and fourth finger	10
To every Quartermaster Serjeant who is forced to go on training against his wish	3
To every Warrant Officer who has received the Rhooti gong if bitten on the left index finger while carrying a rifle in lieu of a kid glove	1 3/4
To every Orderly Room Serjeant or Armourer Staff Serjeant receiving "the bird" on two consecutive evenings	1/2
To every reader who dies of frostbite between noon and sunset during the month of June	250
To any P.R.I. clerk who develops insomnia as a result of worrying about football results 4 millièmes for every third consecutive sleepless night	

Should you not find anything in the above list call and see us yourself . We will insure against sore feet, big feet, flat feet and cold feet, thunders torms and annual inspections. Any trouble you may think of can be faced with confidence. We insure also against, Machine Gun limbers, sand-storms, anti-tank serjeants and Quarter Guards. Now we ask you confidentially can you afford to miss it.

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Startling Military Loss.

Our correspondent has wired some interesting news from the Canal Brigade Camp. Owing to the rigid censorship at work we are unable to obtain full details for our readers, but the facts published below will make most of our readers uneasy.

A certain company of a famous regiment use Reld flags as distinguishing marks. These are supposed to be very valuable. Within the last few days these have been (so it is alleged) stolen. At the same time another company have lost a number of blankets. The peculiar note of the loss is that a certain W.O. Class II has been seen wearing kid gloves but minus his rifle. Readers will remember that in our Exchange colunm last week the following notice appeared.

"For sale or exchange" number of Red flags suitable for Bolshevic meetings, also old rifle, present owner having no further use for same. Would exchange for pair of gloves or other useful articles.

We make no further comments, but can assure our readers that we shall expose any attempt to hush the matter up. Detective Inspector Cane has the matter in hand, and is expected to make an arrest at an early date.

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DIETIC MARVEL.

The famous chef Mustapha Jhoke has discovered a new method of treating cake. It is claimed that his way of cooking it makes it unpalatable to anyone above or below the rank of C.Q.M.S.

One of the holders of this rank who is experimenting with the mixture, has had six consecutive helpings, and as a result found One pound and sixpence which had gone astray

Mustapha is determined that our readers shall share the benefit of his wonderful discovery, and will deliver a sample in a plain van to any of our registeresd readers who apply

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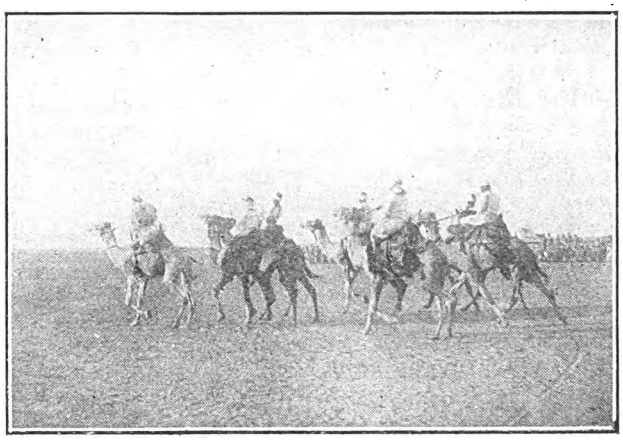

Moascar Week, Camel Race.

FASHION NOTES.

(*Conducted by Lady B. Good.*)

My Dears,

If you want to see the very latest in headwear you cannot do better than watch a parade of that very chic regiment the 20th. They have a brimmed toque, of sand coloured drill, pointed at the front, There is a draping over the brim which is caught up at the side with the cutest little red patch, surmounted by a bunch of real canary feather. The effect is heightened by a strap which can be worn under the chin or over the brim.

The latest craze is to wear a pair of sand goggles as well. It is surprising how they improve the looks of those who have lost that school-girl complexion.

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Answers to Correspondents and Co-respondents.

"*Doddy*"—No. You are not allowed to take your P. & M. Book on parade. It shows a noble desire on your part, but you should try to overcome it.

"*Tec*"—We cannot recommend any good books dealing with the treatment of Military Miscreants. The only known cure for Defaulteritis is constant employment in Cookhouses which seems to have the result of reducing the patients' resistance to law and order.

"*Bertie*"—No. a permanent wave is not an essential for an appointment to the T.A. Write to me when you get settled and I will send a list of articles for brightening a drill hall bunk.

"*Bull*"—Don't worry about developing your voice. The B.B.C. will not employ any Military announcers. We hardly think the song you mention would do as a March, but you can try it.

"*Armourer*"—You cannot claim to be taken out on training. There is not sufficient desert to enable everyone to have some.

"*Jerry*"—See my reply to "*Armourer*"

"*Cam.*"—Yes, you are proficient at the language used under certain provocation but have you heard Big Bill give a recital.

A number of answers are held over until next week.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sjt.———entertained a number of friends to tea last wee kon the desert. The party was a huge success and the guests decided to stay the night. After a little hunting they returned for breakfast.

———who was present, enjoyed the eggs very much. Soap and water were provided by the host for his more intimate friends.

He has announced his intention of holding some more parties of the same nature during the season.

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Financial Notes.

The P.R.I. has just invested another million in War Loan.

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The Stock Exchange is expected to liven up considerably during the coming month when a certain magnate gets his eye down to it.

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Piastres are getting scarce and a greater shortage is expected by Wednesday Holders should be careful before letting them go.

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A lot of Capital changed hands this morning at Helwan. Proceedings were brisk and a defaulting member was hammered.

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Tea is in great demand. Beer is going down rapidly.

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A further issue of Alcohol is almost certain to be called for tomorrow.

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Sports Notice and Jottings.

The F.A. Cup is almost certain to be won by an English team this year.

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The Lawrence Cup is not so certain.

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Wootton is not to represent England in the Chess Tournament on account of his last two fights.

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A very close race may be seen north of the English border.

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Willie Smith is reported to have gone for a long rest.

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Births and Deaths.

There have been quite a number of these this week and consequently names will have to be held over.

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Personal Column.

" Jack "—come back to us soon and all will not be forgiven.

Money to lend on Note of Hand alone. Apply Command Paymaster, B.T.E.

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Latest News Wire.—There ain't any.

Helwan News and Advertiser.

Special Late Edition.

The prime Minister informed the house that War is likely to break out in a few hours between Wetland and Dryland. Loud cheers at his announcement that the Lancashire Fusiliers would remain neutral if possible.

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We hear on good authority that an expedition to Scorpion Valley is being sent out at an early date to search for a camel bearing a label with the letter R round its neck. This is a special type of animal that is rarely seen in the desert; amongst other peculiar habits it possesses the quaint distinction of being the only unpaid quadruped that distributes cigarettes to the troops. When disturbed it utters a plaintive cry which sounds like " More rebate ".

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Savage Bird Attacks Soldiers.

This evening at Helwan the members of the Serjeants' mess were greatly alarmed by the spectacle of two well known soldiers being dragged around the encampment by a furious bird. The soldiers are expected to recover from their injuries before they next proceed to Cairo . When interviewed the Armourer, who was one of the victims, shook his head and kept on repeating " What a DAY we have had " while a certain Colour Serjeant could only murmer " What a DAVE we've had.

Answers to Correspondents and Co-respondents.

" *Bertie* " No it is not necessary to live a quiet life when on manoeuvres but at the same time one should avoid associates who are likely to lead one astray.

" *Danny* " You certainly will be entitled to an extra sixpence per diem, But what a Nerve.

" *Syd* " See answer to Jerry in our last issue.

" *Anxious* " *Mother* " You say that one of your sons wishes to join the army but the other shows no inclination for soldiering. As you do not wish them to become separated you would like our advice. This is a very difficult problem but our expert staff of advisers have considered the matter and the following is their advice. Let them both join the 20th, and the one who does not wish to become a soldier can go to " Company."

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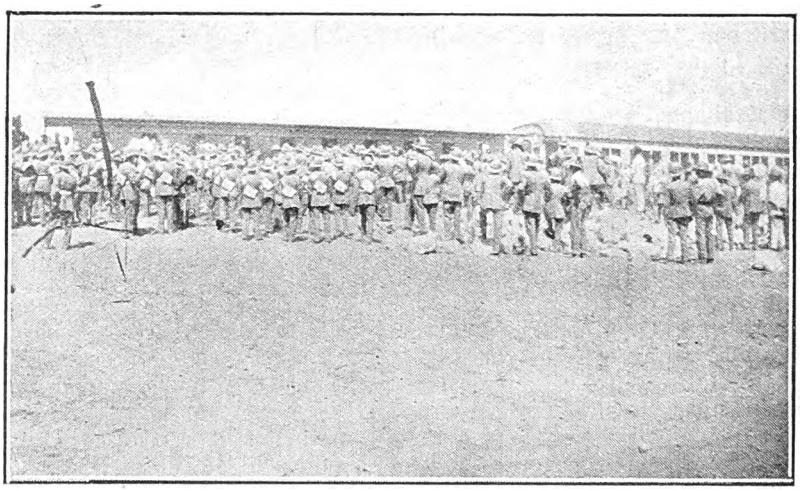

Departure of Troop train Moascar Siding 1928

SERJEANTS' MESS LETTER.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major General G.H.B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. has very kindly presented to the W.Os., S/Sjts and Serjeants his photograph as Major General. We were very pleased indeed to receive it for the only other photograph of a Colonel of the Regiment in our possession is that of Colonel Kingsley. On behalf of our members a letter of thanks has been sent to Major General G.H.B. Freeth and also to Major R.F.H. Massy-Westropp who was very kindly instrumental in obtaining the General's photograph for the Serjeants Mess.

Several Whist Drives and Dances have been held and were well attended by members of the Garrison.

Owing to the Battalion being under orders for Gibraltar and to move on the 2nd May, the Gallipoli Dance was held much earlier this year. Over two hundred people attended the dance, there were about one hundred and fifty guests amongst whom were Brigadier and Mrs A.D. Macpherson, Lieut. Colonel Griffin, C.F., Major and Mrs. Hughes, R.E., Majors Levick and Short of the King's Regiment, Major Peake, Capt. Fletcher-Barrett and Captain and Mrs. McLellan, R.A.M.C., Rev. Father Conway, C.F. (R.C.), The Lieut. Commander, Officers and Chie Petty Officers of H.M.S. "Clematis," Captain Brown, The Brigade Major, Captain Heslop, D.L.I., and R.S.M. Stollery, R.A.F.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by everybody, dancing commencing at 8.30. p.m. and continuing until 1.30.a.m. the following morning . The Jazz Band of Messrs Cusse, Seeger and Co was greatly applauded. The catering arrangements by the N.A.A.F.I. were very satisfactory.

Last but not least the Dance Committee and helpersd eserve the highest praise for the decorating of the Hall and Dance Programme especially when the whole of the arrangements had to be carried out with under a weeks' notice

Unfortunately in our last number we forgot to offer our congratulations to Sjts. P.A. Kirke and S. Lloyd on their respective promotions, we do so now with apologies for our delay.

Congratulations to C.S.M.W. Campbell, C.Q.M.S. E. Harvey, Sjt. E. Crossley, and L/Sjt. P. Grace on their promotions and appointments respectively, to C/Sjt. E. Day and Cpl. J.P. Long on their wonderful running in the Battalion Sports, and to Sjts. McEvoy and Starling on their adventure in the realms of matrimony.

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The Bandmaster, Mr. E. N. Miles

I regret to state that owing to the severe pressure of work theat has fallen on some of our members the Gents Doubles Tennis Tournament started July 1928 is still awaiting completion, we hope after many threats by the respective sides to have the final tie played by Sunday the 7th April.

The members of the mess were at home to all Members of the Serjeants Messes of Moascar Garrison and R.A.F. Abu Seuir. A large and happy family of one hundred and eighty were entertained at the Sports.

All members of the Mess are extremely sorry that Colonel Luker's illness has been so long and severe. We sincerely hope that his operation in England will be most successful and thereby enable him to rejoin us in Gibraltar at an early date.

We were sorry that owing to short notice and preparations for manoeuvres a Smoking Concert could not be held prior to the departure of C.S.M. R. Haugh and C.S.M. H. Nunn for the P.R.E. 6th and 5th Bn. Lan Fus and Sjt. F. Evans to the 2nd Bn. Lan Fus. We wish them a most happy and successful time. C.S.M. G. Jeanes rejoined us from the 6th Bn, Sjt. M. Byrne from the 2nd Bn, to both we offer our usual hearty welcome to the Mess.

Our period of service at Moascar is nearly at an end, be shall be very sorry to leave behind a large number of friends in the Garrison, friends who were always welcome at the Mess at any time whether it be at Dances, Sports or in everyday life. Let us hope that we shall have the pleasure of renewing their friendship at Gibraltar or Catterick, or any other station were it is possible to meet

SIGNALS LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Before chronicling the doings of the Sigs, I must first of all apologise for the absence of "The Signals" letter from the last issue of the "G.G.", the only excuse being lack of spare moments, due to extra pressure at Polygon Camp. The last named place being a kind of happy hunting ground for "flag waggers" we asserted ourselves by running the Green Howards to a tie in the inter-Cairo-Canal Brigade Helio Competition.

So we are going WEST. Drake of old also went West but then Drake didn't have 23 cwt of signalling equipment to lug around with him and on looking round for my own allotted 37 lbs of kit I find that most of that has already gone West.

Still we "Southerners" at Gib will still continue to hold sway over our "Northern" brothers, both in beauty and brains (I know this will not get deleted, the Ed's for South Barracks).

Many changes are taking place in the section, 36 recruits from duty are due to swell our ranks and we are returning Fus Trimble, Snowsell, Spencer and Fletcher to duty and we feel that these 36 will have to be star performers to recompense us for our loss.

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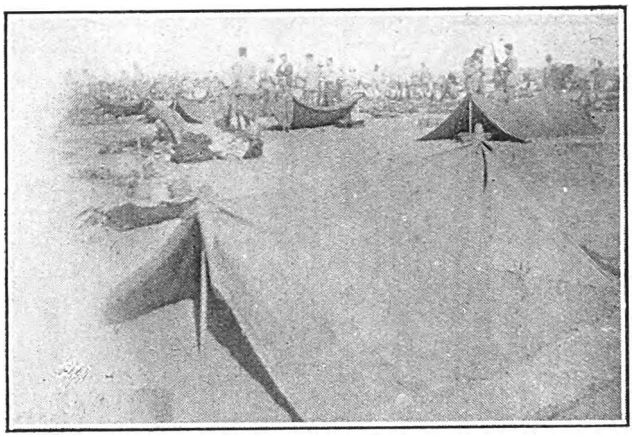

The bivouac camp, El Shurafa.

We welcome L/C. Humphries back to the fold, and also wish him every success on his coming course at Catterick.

The proper training of our new class will commence in earnest at Gib., but we hope to have them reading before we leave Egypt, and backed up by our recent Sig Officer's (Mr. Gordon) remarks, "Any poor prune can read" we hope to put the real "Goods" (not canned) on the market.

We have not done much in sporting circles, but our brothers the Employed have discovered some Pole-vaulting (?) talent, who given the proper training (and about 10 ft. start) will want some beating.

Some of our ranks are due for "Instruction in the use of the blow lamp" at Gib, but those of us who have had "doings" with the "primus" at Nefisha don't need further tuition, and as one man remarked when the afore mentioned stove refused to buzz "Yer don't want a mechanic for this, yer need a..... magician.

In concluding we wish Colonel Luker "Bon Voyage" and a speedy return to the regiment.

"Flags"

"A" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Since the last issue of the Gallipoli Gazette our time has been chiefy occupied on Battalion and Brigade training. As far as the junior ranks could tell both periods went off successfully.

We were under canvas at Helwan for some three weeks and in spite of fairly lengthy spells amongst the rocks we managed to survive and most of us found it not too unpleasant.

One serious misfortune befell us, the illness of Colonel Luker, which put him out of action for all training from the last week of February. He has now sailed for England and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at Gibraltar early in June.

Serjeant Major Haugh has left us to take over the duties of CSM. to the 6th Battalion. We are very sorry to lose him and wish him the best of luck in his new job.

Serjeant Major Jeanes arrived back to the Battalion on the 23rd February after an absence of 4 years and has been posted to "A" Coy. We offer him a very hearty welcome and hope he will have a very long stay with us. We should also like to congratulate him and Mrs. Jeanes on the birth of their daughter.

Thirty one men from "A" Company left Helwan for the 2nd Battalion on the 9th March, we are sorry to lose them and hope they will settle down and enjoy their time in India.

A draft of 26 joined us on the 9th March. They seem to be finding their feet pretty well and some of them have already showed

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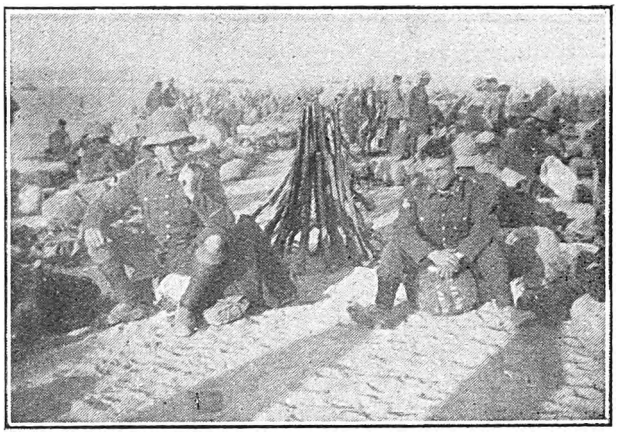

Manoeuvres final day, packing up.

promise at Athletics. We trust they will get on well in the company though we are losing a large number of them to "C" (MG) and the Signals.

Sporting Notes.—The Lawrence Cup struggle has now been decided and we take 2nd place to "D" Company. Up to the Sports meeting on April 4th we were all square but "D" Company's Athletes headed by Cpl Long proved too good for us. We heartily congratulate "D" Company, it is a great performance to have won the cup 5 times in 9 years.

Hockey.—We had a much improved team this year and finished 2nd to the Band, who once again carried off the Shield. They undoubtedly deserved their victory as we played quite at our worst against them on both occassions. However their standard for company hockey was very high.

Bayonet Fencing.—Here again we came 2nd to "D." All members of the team showed great keenness and put in a lot of practice. We congratulate them on the good show they put up.

Gallipoli Sports.—As mentioned before the sports proved an easy victory for "D." We came 2nd., points being obtained by the following.

L/Cpl. Melchior 1st High Jump. (*broke Bn. record.*)
Lieut. Ames 2nd ,, ,,
2/Lieut. Bowen. 2nd 100 yds.
Fus Fairclough 3rd 1 mile.

Boxing.—We should like to congratulate the Battalion Boxing Team on reaching the Command final and particularly L/Sjt. Grace, Fus Bruce, and Fus Thompson who all fought consistenlty well throughout.

For the next issue of the Gallipoli Gazette we hope to have arrived safely at Gibraltar. It is a little unfortunate that the Battalion will be split up but the general opinion seems to be that we shall have a pleasant tour there. The move from Gibraltar to Catterick has now been confirmed and we rather think that early next year will see us busy with our spades there.

"B" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Since the last issue we have passed through Helwan without any casualties even though the redoubtable "Ikey" was on parade. However with a little scheming, he's gone. We lost some good men on the last Indian draft and really regret their departure. To the last joined recruits from the Depot we extend a very hearty welcome and regret that they stayed such a short time in our midst. They are now under the excellent auspices of "Thomas. We are glad to see Mr. Sandilands and the "Tracker' back again from Shorncliffe and congratulate them on the results of their course. The new brushes have not yet completed

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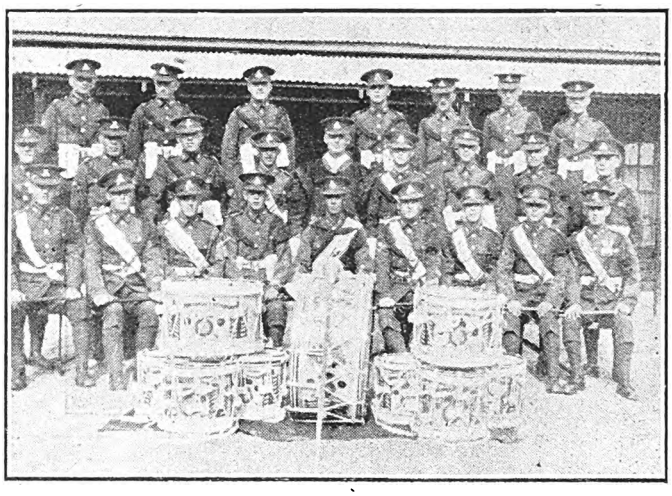

The Drums Moascar 1929

Sjts Cain and Johnson are also more of our regrettable losses. Hidden packs will re-appear no doubt. Company sports now being over we are confident of making a great show in the Gallipoli Sports. We'll shift something, especially tea.

We are particularly pleased and congratulate the Boxing and Football teams on their fine perfomances. The "All Round" Cup is ours anyway. It gives confidence for our coming tussles with the Navy at Gibraltar. There wont be much wailing and gnashing of teeth at leaving Egypt. Hearty congratulations on "Buffer's Clique" winning the Divisional Boxing. Good breeding etc., counts you know In conclusion we extend all sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery to our Commanding Officer in his present illness and hope he will soon be back amongst us.

"Who ta tawking to, Redcap."

"**Beer-Ko.**"

MACHINE GUN LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

(said he, carelessly tossing aside a tripod, and seating himself at a much abused typewriter,) the time has come when the Quarterly letter is already a few days in arrears, and it behoves us to brace up our hosiery, and indite our usual epistle to the Gallipolians.

We are still in a state of chronic bewilderment, owing to the constant change of faces in the Company.

Before this letter appears in print, the "annual turnover" will have taken place, and robbed us of some of the old familiar faces.

We hasten to welcome the new arrivals, and hope they will fill the gap caused by the departure of the N.C.O,s and older hands, who have gone to join the different Rifle Companies. Most of them go to "B" where we are sure they will receive a warm welcome.

The annual change makes it very difficult for us to establish sport on a sound basis, that however is a minor point, it means losing annually N.C.O.s, and Men who have become very valuable to us from a standpoint of Machine Gun efficiency, and we can ill afford to lose any of them.

Wherever they go they take with them our best wishes for their future success, and our sincere gratitude for their assistance during their tour of duty as Machine Gunners.

To Captain H. M. Dodson, we offer our hearty congratulations on his promotion, and hope that he will enjoy his course at

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Netheravon, where he is going to study the more recent developments of Machine Gunnery, (Shades of Seaford!) With him goes Cpl Johnson, L/Cpls Humphries and Melia, we hope they will do themselves justice. We await their return at Gibraltar as fully fledged M.G. Instructors.

C.S.M. Campbell goes to "H.Q." Wing on promotion to W.O.11, and we hope he will soon settle down to his new task, and enjoy his work. We are retaining his services as "quarterbloke" until Harvey arrives to relieve him.

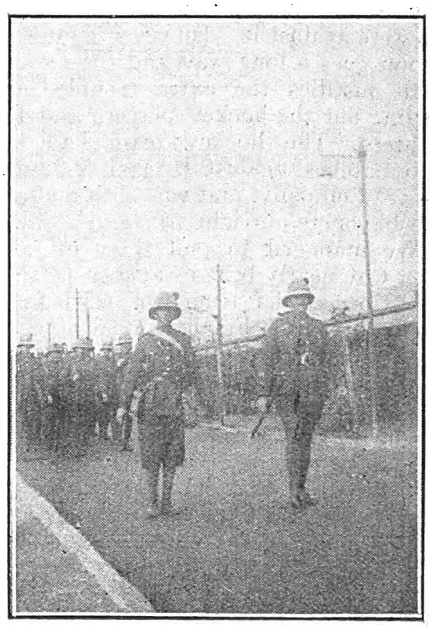
The return of C.S.M. Jeanes to the Bn. also calls for comment. We are very pleased to see him, and hope to see "A" Battery in the front at Weapon Training as a result of his posting to them. We also congratulate him upon another event which will be recorded in the column devoted to new arrivals in Married Quarters.

Most of the sporting events have reached the stage where one can forecast the destination of the Lawrence Cup for the next twelve months. The winners will not receive any congratulations more warm than ours, our only regret is that we could not give them a harder struggle for it. We do not expect to win it next year but we hope to be a little further up the Roll than we are at present.

Our own Company Sports have concluded, and on the whole were fairly satisfactory, next year may find us with more representatives in the Battalion Teams. Incidentally this is the first year that we have had any "other ranks" in the Battalion Boxing Team.

We appreciate the gallant effort that the Boxing team made in the final of the Command event, and we wish them better luck next time.

Some of the sand of El Sharafa, and Helwan still clings to our persons and it will be a long time before we are free from it. It will be a longer period before we can erase the memories of the Concentration, and the Manoeuvres. While most of the memories are pleasant, the thought of the dirt storm that visited our "bivvies" will haunt us for many years. Had we known that the storm was coming we certainly would not have countenanced the raid made upon the sleeping quarters of a certain select party of



"D" Company leaving for Manoeuvres.

"D" who were rudely disturbed in the early hours of the morning. (These youngsters never respect an old soldier nowadays.

Still youth must have its fling, and we trust that "D" will forgive us. May will find us at Gibraltar, and as the Bn. has not been there since 1906 We do not suppose that there will be many of the inhabitants who will come searching for old friends. In those days Machine Guns were hardly as numerous as in this year of grace so it remains to be seen whether the facilities for training are as good as at Moascar. One bright thought strikes us, they can hardly send us out into the desert for training.

Time space, and other things force us to close down. We wish all readers and ourselves a happy stay in our new station, and a longer stay in our future station at Catterick.

"GUNS."

"D" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Once again the Lawrence Cup has come home again to Don Company. Strange how often the old cup has been won by us, in fact we almost regard it as our own property.

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The blues gave us a good run for our money and at the beginning of this last quarter we were against it. However a little organisation goes a long way and the result more than justifies the extra trouble taken in sorting out the hockey players and bayonet fighters. The hockey team had to play two matches, against H.Q. 1 & 3 and "C" (M.G.) Company, and win both and also win the bayonets outright to stand a chance.

We managed to pull these off although Beer Coy nearly beat us at Bayonet Fencing. Mr. Gordon defeating Mr. Christie in the deciding bout. Finally the winning of the Lawrence Cup depended on the athletics as we were all square with the Blues, 28 points each.

The heats for the Gallipoli Sports left us favourites and we had no trouble in disposing of our opponents. Our thanks are due to Sjt Wootton and Fus McIntyre for the trouble they took with the young soldiers in the bayonets, Cpls Whitworth and Hart for the hockey and Cpls. Long and Keane, L/Cpls. Livesley and Stell for the athletics and CMS. Miner and Sjt. Wootton for supervising.

The mystery of the chipped basin was solved by presenting the basin suitably inscribed (in white on a red surface,) to Mr. Kenrick (the Blues) who thoroughly enjoyed the joke.

We were all sorry to lose the 2nd Bn. draft and wish them the best of luck in India.

We welcome the new draft from the Depot and hope they will soon settle down to our ways and enjoy life in the Battalion.

We were all very sorry to say good-bye to Captain Piggott who left us early in February for retirement. We wish him and Mrs. Piggott every possible success and the best of luck in civil life.

All ranks of Don Coy sympathise with Col. Luker over his recent illness and wish him a quick recovery and an early return to the Battalion.

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THE EGYPT AND SUDAN TROPHY.
4 F.T.S. Win Again.

The Egypt and Sudan shooting Trophy has been competed for again this year, this being the third time the competition has been held since 1914. The entries were good, 5 more teams competing than in 1927/28

The winners were No. 4 Flying Training School, R.A.F. with a score of 610. The runners up were the Khartum Rifle Club with a score of 592.

The detailed list of scores obtained is as follows :—

Unit.	200 *yds.*	500 *yds.*	600 *yds.*	*Tot.*
No. 4 F.T.S.	213	204	193	610
Khartum Rifle Club	217	196	179	592
1st Bn. Lancs. Fus	209	191	175	575
12th Royal Lancers	198	189	182	569
10th Royal Hussars	211	186	171	568
R.A.O.C., Egypt	211	191	165	567
Royal Dragoons	201	185	174	560
1st Bn. S. W. Bor	198	194	163	555
1st Bn. Durham L.I.	206	176	167	549
1st Bn. Gloucesters	201	180	164	545
42nd Field Coy. R.E.	211	173	161	545
2nd Field Coy. R.E.	198	184	155	537
1st Bn. King's Regt.	200	175	156	531
1st Bn. Somerset L.I.	198	173	154	525
2nd Bn. Green Howards	200	166	140	506
Alexandria Rifle Club	195	165	143	503
R. Signals Egypt	201	165	136	502
Atbara Rifle Club	187	178	135	500
No. 47 Sqn. R.A.F.	192	148	141	481
1st Bn. South Staff	185	158	124	467
2nd Bn. Lincolns	185	153	122	460
R.A.S.C., Egypt	183	154	121	458
Corps of M. Pol. Egypt	197	129	131	457
RAPC. Egypt	179	132	97	408
No. 45 Sqn. R.A.F.		—	—	397

The winners receive 8 silver cups and the Runners Up 8 Bronze Medals.

WEAPON TRAINING NOTES.

As announced in our last number "B" Company retained the Shield for the best Shooting Company 1928-29.

A new system of allotting prize money is under discussion and will be announced in Number 14 Gazette.

Prizes for recruits, both individual and by squads has been instituted and will continue for all drafts joining from the Depot.

The results of the last draft which arrived on the 9th March are as follows :—

Highest individual score Rifle and L.A. and winner of the C.O's Prize resulted in Fus Bantham winning with the good score of 220.

The average scores of squads in order of merit,

		Winner of C.O's Prize.
1. Cpl. Keane's	Squad "D"	179.1
2. Sjt. Wheeldon's	,, "D"	177.2
3. Sjt. Starling's	,, "B	164.3
4. Cpl. Barker's	,, "B	154.7
5. Sjt. Crossley's	,, "B'	150.4
6. Sjt. McEvoy's	,, "A"	148.4
7. Cpl. O'Brien's	,, "D"	148.
8. Cpl. Nedderman's	,, "A"	138.7
9. Cpl. Clewes's	,, "A"	110.3

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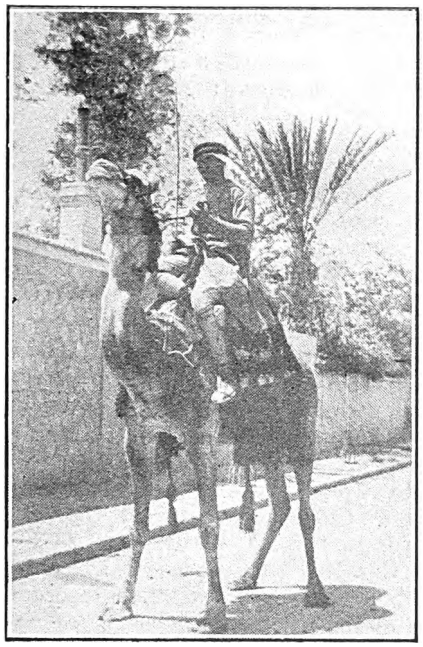

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COMPETITIONS.

The only competitions which took place during the last six months were the Sudan Trophy and a competition between H.M.S. "Royal Oak." H.M.S. "Valiant, The Green Howards and 1st Lan Fus.

In the Sudan Trophy we finished 3rd with the excellent score of 575 and succeeded in defeating our opponents H.M.S. "Royal Oak.," H.M.S. "Valiant and The Green Howards.

BAYONET FENCING NOTES.

The Inter-Company Bayonet Fencing Tournament commenced on the 21st January and, as anticipated, resulted, in "D" Company winning, despite the very keen opposition of "A" and "B" Companies and "HQ" 1 & 3 Groups.

"A", "B" & "D" Companies were lucky in having several of their old hands still with them.

As there are no brigade or command tournaments out here to act as an incentive to young soldiers to fight for inclusion in the battalion team, the standard reached by them was fairly high.

The closest fights were "D" v "B", and "A" v "B" the team captains Lieut. Gordon "D" company, Lieut. Ames "A" Company and 2/Lieut. Christie "B" Company having to fight the deciding bout. The surprise team of the tournament being "HQ" 1 & 3 who fought extremely well.

Results.

				Fights
"A" Company	beat	'C' (MG)	7	to 1
"A" ,,	,,	HQ 2 & 4	9	,, 2
"A" ,,	,,	HQ 1 & 3	7	,, 5
"A" ,,	,,	"B" Coy.	7	,, 6
"B" ,,	,,	"C" (MG)	7	,, 3
"B" ,,	,,	HQ 2 & 4	7	,, 0
"D" ,,	,,	"B" Coy.	7	,, 6
"D" ,,	,,	C (MG)	7	,, 2
"D" ,,	,,	"A" Coy.	7	,, 5
"D" ,,	,,	HQ 1 & 3	7	,, 1
"D"' ,,	,,	HQ 2 & 4	7	,, 0
"HQ" 1 & 3	Group beat	"B" Coy.	7	,, 5
"HQ" 1 & 3	,,	,, 'C' (MG,	7	,, 5
"HQ" 1 & 3	,,	,,"HQ" 2& 4	7	,, 3
"HQ" 2 & 4	,,	,, 'C' (MG)	7	,, 5

The points towards the Lawrence Cup were as follows:—

Coy.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Points to Lawrence Cup.*
"D"	5	–	6
"A"	4	1	5
1 & 3	3	2	4
"B"	2	3	3
2 & 4	1	4	2
'C' (MG)	0	5	1

If possible the battalion inter-platoon competition will be run off when the move to Gibraltar is completed. In this way we hope to build up as strong a team as when we left England. Bouts will be arranged with the best naval teams whenever the Fleet puts into Gibraltar and no doubt there will be a Brigade Tournament for us on arrival at Catterick.

GOLF.

The Regimental side put up a reasonably good show in the Army Golf Championship but being on paper slightly stronger than anyone else it is disappointing that we did not wing.

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The main factor in the lack of the highest form was due to the fact that as no real practice could be obtained here, excessive practice on the part of the team on their arrival at Gezira made them stale. This was particularly noticeable in the play of Piggott and Martin who never produced their true form.

The individual championship was won by Capt. Hine who is a good score player and Captain Pank the Amateur Champion of Egypt took 80 in the morning but almost drew level with a brilliant 70 in the afternoon. Piggott had a 73 in the morning which was one stroke behind Hine but finished in 80 in the afternoon.

In the inter-unit Cup the Regimental side met the R.A.S.C. in the first round and had it not been for the most heartless pounding which Kenrick gave to Captain Brown the side would have been beaten, as it was the score was all square at the 18th and nine more holes had to be played. These were never in doubt and in the afternoon an easy victory against the S.W.B. put us into the final againts the R.A.M.C.. In the final Kenrick and King both played well and as has been said before if Piggott and Martin could have produced their true form we should have won. On the day however there was no question as to whom was the best side and the R.A.M C. thoroughly deserved their victory.

ATHLETICS.

GALLIPOLI SPORTS 1929

These sports were held on the 4th April and more interest than usual was taken in them as the destination of the Lawrence Cup for the next twelve months depended on the results. At the commencement "A" and "D" Coys. were equal points although "D" had more competitors left in, on the conclusion of the heats than "A" Coy.

Four very good performances were put up by Cpl. Long, L/C. Melchoir and Fus. Bailey. Cpl. Long equalled the battalion records in the 220 yards, time 23 1/5 sec., and the 100 yds., time 10 1/5 secs. L/C. Melchoir set a new battalion record in the high jump, 5 ft. 3 1/2 inches.

Fus. Bailey tied with Cpl. Long in the long jump at 20 ft. 2 inches.

Event.	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*
100 Yards.	Cpl. J. P. Long, "D."	2/Lt. C. G. Bowen "A."	Fus. W. Bailey H.Q. 1/3
	Time 10 1/5 *sec.*		
220 yards.	Cpl. J P.L ong, "D."	Bdsm. S. Baker, H.Q. 2/4	Cr. Sjt. E.F. Day H.Q. 1/3
	Time 23 1/5 *secs.* (*Equals Regtl. record*)		
440 yards.	Cr. Sjt. E. F. Day H.Q. 1/3	Bdsm. S. Baker H.Q. 2/4	L/C. A. Stell "D."
	Time 57 4/5 *secs.*		
880 yards.	Cr. Sjt. E. F. Day H.Q. 1/3	Cpl. T. Keane, "D"	L/C. A. Stell "D."
	Time 2 *min.* 14 *secs.*		
One mile	Cr. Sjt. E. F. Day H.Q. 1/3	Cpl. T. Keane "D."	Fus. H. Fairclough "A."
	Time 5 *min.* 11 *secs.*		
Three miles	Cr. Sjt. E. F. Day H.Q. 1/3	Cpl. T. Keane "D."	Fus. A. Chadwick H.Q. 2/4
	Time 17 *min.* 30 *secs.*		
120 yards Hurdles.	Cpl. J. P. Long "D"	Sjt. P. Wootton "D."	Fus. J. Dixon "B"
	Time 18 3/5 *secs.*		
High Jump	L/C. C. Melchoir "A"	Lt. A. G. Ames "A"	L/C. W. Williams H.Q. 2/4
	Height 5 ft. 3 1/2 in. (*new Regtl record*)		
Long Jump	Tie-Cpl. J. P. Long & Fus. W. Bailey		Sjt. P. Wootton "D."
	Distance 20 *ft.* 2 *in.*		
Putting the Weight.	Cpl. J. White "B."	Sjt. P. Wootton "D."	L/C. J. Livesley "D."
	Distance 33 *ft.* 3 1/2 *in.*		
Throwing the Discus.	Sjt. P. Wootton "D."	L/C. J. Livesley "D."	Cpl. J. P. Long "D."
	Distance 91 *ft.* 11 *in.*		
Pole Jump	Fus. W. Schofield H.Q. 2/4	Fus. J. Dixon "B."	Fus. E. McMordie "D."
	Height 8 *ft.* 9 *in.*	8 *ft.* 3 *in.*	8*ft.* 0 *in.*

Young Soldiers Inter-Company Relay. H.Q. 2 & 4. (Joyce, Rogers, Simpson & Berry)

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	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 440 yds.	L.A.C. Lisle, R.A.F.	Sjt. Bruty, R.A.F.	Cpl. Kirke 1/King's
	Time 58 *secs.*		
Open one mile	L.A.C. Hodden, R.A.F.	L.A.C. Lillywhite, R.A.F.	Pte. Hughes 1/King's
	Time 5 *min.* 11 *secs.*		
Band Race.	Boy Kennedy 1/King's Regt. (*late* 1/Lan. Fus.)		
Old Soldiers Race.	R.Q.M.S. A. J. Shipwright, C.S.M., F. Capon D.C.M.		
Tug-of-War	"B" Company beat H.Q. 1 & 3, two pulls to nil.		
Boys 220 yards.	Boy Berry	Boy Simpson	Boy Deasey.
	26 1/5 *secs.*		

POINTS FOR THE INTER-COMPANY ATHLETIC CUP

Events	A	B	C (M.G.)	D	H.Q. 1/3	2/4
Team Events.....	17½	14	4	15½	3	10
		Individual Events.				
3 miles	—	—	—	2	3	1
880 yards	—	—	—	3	3	—
High Jump	5	—	—	—	—	1
Discus.....	—	—	—	6	—	—
220 yards	—	—	—	3	1	2
Weight	—	3	—	3	—	—
Pole Vault	—	2	—	1	—	3
100 yards	2	—	—	3	1	—
One Mile	1	—	—	2	3	—
120 yards Hurdles	—	1	—	5	—	—
Long Jump	—	—	—	3½	2½	—
440 yards	—	—	—	1	3	2
Total	25½	20	4	48	19½	19

Winning Company		D
2nd	„	A
3rd	„	B
4th	„	1/3
5th	„	2/4
6th	„	C

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Coy.	Cricket	Cross Country	Hockey	Team Athletics	Rugby	Association	Bayonets	Ind. Athl.	Total
D	5	6½	3½	2½	Not Competed For	5	6	3	31
A	4	5	5	3		6	5	1½	29½
B	5	2	3½	2		4	3	1	20½
2/4.....	3	2	6	1½		2	2	2	18½
1/3.....	1½	1	2	½		3	4	2½	14½
C	2½	4	1	1	—	1	1	½	11

A Photograph of the Lawrence Cup will appear in our next number.

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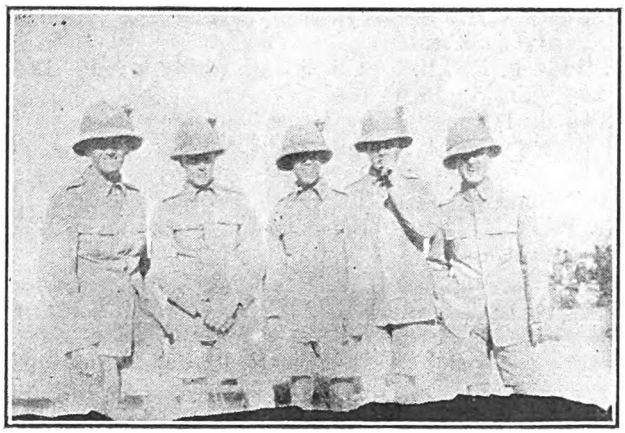

Helwan Camp, L. C. Herwitt. Fus. Charlesworth, Fus. Coombes, Fus. McIntosh.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

We have been greatly handicapped this season by having no ground until the New Nefisha Ground was opened in February and have been unable to play off the inter-company league. We have been able to keep the game going thanks mainly to our friends No. 4 F.T.S. Abu Seuir, whom we should like to take this chance of thanking for our numerous enjoyable games over there.

In the Command Cup the 1st Bn. The South Wales Borderers the eventual winners proved too good for us in the 2nd round, though the game was not so one sided as the score suggests, most of their scoring being done in the last 20 minutes.

In the Canal Area Cup we beat No. 4 F.T.S. in the 1st round after a good game and had a fairly easy victory in the final over the 42nd Field Company, R.E., who most sportingly entered a team and beat the King's Regiment by a single point in the first round.

As there is any amount of keenness in the Battalion the prospects for the future are bright. We are going to make every effort at Gib to unearth new talent and build up a team that will have something to say about the Army Cup when we get to Catterick.

Results.

11.12.28 *v.* No. 4 F.T.S. won 8-3
15.12.28. *v.* 1st Bn. S.W.B. (Command Cup 2nd round) Lost 23-6.
20.12.28. *v.* No. 4 F.T.S. Lost 6-3.
3. 1.29 *v.* No. 4 F.T.S. Won 21-0.
10. 2.29 *v.* No. 4 F.T.S. (Canal Area Cup 1st round) Won 12-0.
26. 3.29. *v.* 42nd Field Company R.E. (Canal Area Cup Final) Won 22-0.

Played 12. Won 9. Lost 3. Points for 140 Against 79.

The following colours have been awarded for the season 1928-29. Lt. G. B. King, 2/Lieut. C. G. Bowen, L/C. Humphreys, Sjt. Wootton, L/C. Melia, Cpl. Hart, Fus. McGladdery, Fus. Jones, Cpl. Shore, L/C. Oliver Cpl. Powell, Fus. Alker, Dr. Riggs, Sjt. Crossley, Fus. Hall.

CANAL AREA RUGBY CUP.

The final tie of this tournament between the 1st L.F. and the 42nd Field Company, R.E. was played on the 26th March on the Nefisha ground at Moascar.

Winning the toss the Sappers chose to play with the wind in their favour. Play opened at a fast pace and for five minutes was

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mainly confined to midfield. From this point our forwards began to get the ball from the scrum and many fine runs by our threequarters were only stopped by the keen tackling of the Sappers. A break away by Jones resulted in Bowen scoring a good try wide on the left, the kick at goal failed.

Our men were gradually getting the measure of the opposition, the fine kicking of Eccles continually forcing the game into our opponents 25. Runs by Timney, Jones and Shore were negatived by forward passes or knocking on.

Melia put the finishing touches to a fine passing movement by scoring a try 10 yards from the corner flag, the kick again failing. From the kick off our three's scored and Melia was almost over the line when he was brought down by Jennings.

The score was augmented by McGladdery, Bowen failing to convert. Just before half time Humphreys intercepted a pass and scored near the posts, the kick failing

Half Time 1 L.F. 12 pts. R. E. Nil.

Playing with the wind in our favour we commenced a series of attacks which were repelled for ten minutes and then a miskick by the Sappers back resulted in McGladdery scoring under the posts, Bowen converted.

Bowen initiated a very fine passing movement, all the three's handling for Melia to score under the posts, Bowen again converting.

Result :—1.L.F. 22 pts. R.E. Nil.

All our men played well and only the keen tackling of the Sappers and the over eagerness of our three's saved the Sappers from a very heavy defeat.

The Sappers are a very young team this being the first season for several of them and there is no doubt that in a very short time they will be a very good team indeed.

The Battalion was represented by Fus. Eccles ; 2/Lieut. Bowen, Cpl. Shore, Fus. Oliver, L/C. Melia, Fus. Hall, Fus. Jones ; Lieut. King, Cpl. Timney, Cpl. Powell, Cpl. Hart, L/C. Hymphreys, Fus. McGladdery, Fus. Alker and Sjt. Crossley.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The inter-company race was held early in December over a fairly stiff 5 miles course and resulted in a narrow win for "D" Company over "A" Company.

Individual placings

"D" Company . 293 pts.
"A" Company . 335 pts. 1 Cpl. Keanes.
"C" Company . 437 pts. 2 Fus. Wilson.
"H.Q." 2 & 4 .. 475 pts. 3 Fus. Waters.
"B" Company . 576 pts.
"H.Q." 1 & 3 .. 602 pts.

Immediately afterwards we commenced training for the Command race. Of the team that won us the Eastern Command Championship at Dover in 1927 we had only three left but it soon became apparent that we were going to have a more than useful team, any lack of experience being made up by keenness, and there was tremendous competition for the last few places.

The Command Championships were decided at Abbassia on December 24th over a very stiff 5 mile course.

The Signals put up a splendid performance in winning, though there is no doubt that knowing the course and having previous experience are worth a tremendous lot out here. Our team did everything that was expected of them and finished 2nd packing really well, our last man being 40th. The D.L.I. were third, 12 teams competed.

On 28.1.28 we ran No. 4 F.T.S. at Abu Seuir. Though they provided the individual winner, our team proved a bit too strong for them.

1 Lan. Fus. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10,11,13,14=78

No. 4 F.T.S. 1, 5, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.=147.

As our team is a very young we shall most of them for several more seasons and by the time we reach Catterick they should be able to hold their own with the best.

The following were awarded their colours for the season 1928-29.

Cpl. Keane, L/C. Cuffe, Fus. Fairclough, L/C. Stell, Fus. Hobson, Cpl. Grace, Fus. Conroy, Fus. Brierley.

Fus. Wilson, Fus. Waters, L/C. Carswell, L/C. Beal, Fus. Chadwick, Fus. Walker, Fus. Croft.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Since last January, with the exception of the period of Brigade training at Helwan the football team have had a fairly strenuous time.

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On the whole we have had a fairly successful season and have not lost a match at Moascar.

Sultans Cup.

1st Round *v.* E.S.R. ..... *Won* 6–2
2nd Round *v.* Timsah ..... *Won* 2–1
3rd Round *v.* Ibis ..... *Won* 3–1
Semi final *v.* N.S.C. *Lost* 1–0 after extra time.

In this competition we reached the semi-final fairly easily though Timsah gave us a close game in the semi-final against the N.S.C. we were unfortunate to lose. The game was greatly interfered with by a high wind blowing across the ground with the unsuitable resul that the ball was more often out than not. Against a clever team we put up a stout resistance and it was not until five minutes extra time had gone that the N.C.S. scored. This goal should certainly have been saved although it was no fault of Bleasdale's.

Command Championships.

1st Round *v.* S.W.B. ..... *Won* 4–1
2nd Round *v.* 10th Hussars .... *Won* 2–1
Semi-final *v.* D.L.I. ..... *Draw* 0–0
Replay *v.* D.L.I. ..... *Lost* 6–1

There is unfortunately insufficient space to give detailed accounts of all these matches.

In the 1st round we were too good for the South Wales Borderers and won easily.

In the next round against the 10th Hussars there was so much wind that the game had to be played on the Timsah ground. The rushing game played by the 10th rather unsettled us but a good goal scored by Hole eventually got us home.

The semi-final was played versus the D.L.I. at Helwan on the R.A.F. ground during Brigade training. It was again a windy afternoon and neither team was at their best. As it happened we should just have won as a glorious opportunity of scoring, shortly before time, was let slip. The replay at the Slade ground was a fiasco and the less said about it the better. However we reprint the criticisms from the "Egyptian Gazette."

We opened the scoring with an excellent shot from Long but from then on the 68th were all over us. Nearly everyone except Whitworth and Long had an off day and the team seemed to lose heart completely.

Command Cup Semi Final

Lancashire Fusiliers Outclassed.
Value of Team Work.
D.L.I. 6. Lancashire Fusiliers 1.

Saturday's game was a replay, as on the first occasion the match ended 0-0. One could not judge the merits of either team then, as a high wind which blew across the ground the whole 90 minutes made accurate play impossible.

There was no questioning the superiority of the Durhams this time, as in every position on the field, both for and aft, they had the advantage. Apart from Long, the Fusiliers were a disjointed lot and even though they took the lead after play had only been in progress 4 minutes they never appeared capable of forcing a fight. Judging by their displays against the C.I.S.C. in the Sultan's Cup semi-final and again on Saturday the Durhams can certainly claim to be considered the best military team in Egypt. The pace, strategy and command of the ball displayed by them has not been equalled here for some years and if only their finishing was as deadly and accurate as their combined work they would be an unbeatable team as far as this country is concerned.

The Fusiliers cannot be considered a combined team, as too much depends upon the ability of Long to make the openings and do all the scoring. His goal, the finest of the day, from 25 yards range, came on the only occasion during the game where he was allowed a seconds latitude. For the rest of the day he fought a lone battle and he was too keenly marked by Storey and Lally to get many further chances.

What prospects the Fusiliers had of making a fight were dispelled by the wrong tactics they adopted. Instead of trying to keep the ball on the ground they kicked wildly and as they were always beaten in headwork, all their efforts were nullified. In contrast the Durhams advanced by concerted movements, the backs and halves following up play, with the result that the opposing defence were kept at full pressure the whole time.

For the Fusiliers, Bleasdale could not in any way be blamed for the heavy defeat ; he had no chance with any of the shots that beat him while he made many brilliant saves.

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A group of "H. Q. Wing," El Shurafa.

The weakest spot in the team was in front of him, where Mackin and Pope could not cope with the Durhams forwards. They were woefully weak under pressure and could not clear the ball at all when playing against the wind. Whitworth played a strong game and never gave up until the end. McMordie, of whom much was expected was weak ; he passed aimlessly and generally in the air while he was reprimanded for playing the man instead of the ball. Of the front line, apart from Long, the least said the better ; they were a really disjointed lot with no method at all in their play. Once Long was kept in subjection the whole line was out of gear ; he made valiant efforts but was hopelessly alone.

Lancashire Fusiliers:—Bleasdale, Mackin, Cope, Hall, Whitworth, McMordie, Melchior, Baker, Butterworth, Long, Gould.

Durham Light Infantry:—Taylor, Storey, Riddle, Lally, Boyle, White, Murray, Machin, Cowell, Fulton, Green.

Referee : Mr. J. McCrae.

We should like to congratulate the D.L.I. on winning the Command Cup. They are a fine side and play very accurate football. We hope to benefit from association with them at Catterick. So much for serious football.

We have had a couple of friendly games with the King's Regt. drawing the first and winning the second. " D " Company's team are to be congratulated on reaching the final of the Small Units Competition and then only losing by the odd goal after extra time.

Taking this season generally it is clear that we have some good footballers in the Battalion but the team somehow did not often seem to show complete understanding of each others methods and the eleven men appeared to be playing as individuals rather than as a team.

The newcomers to the side were L/C. Bunn and Bdn. Baker. Both played well though Bunn was rather handicapped by his size against a heavy team Baker, though he had a real off day in the semi-final worked hard and was usually accurate in front of goal and was very fast. More experience with the Battalion team will undoubtedly improve him greatly.

Cpl. Whitworth was of course always outstanding and played excellently throughout the year.

L/C. Bleasdale (goal) had a very good season and none of the defeats were due to him in any way.

Others who played consistently were L/C. Pope, Cpl. Long and Fus. McMordie.

Cpl. Long, Cpl. Whitworth and Fus. McMordie represented the Army in Egypt.

The following received Battalion Colours for the season 1928-29.

Backs :

L/C. Bleasdale. Goal

L/C. Pope, L/C. Mackin.

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Half Backs :
Fus. McMordie, Cpl. Whitworth, Fus. Butterworth.
Forwards :
L/C. Bunn, Bdn. Baker, Cpl. Long, Fus. Palmer, L/Sjt. Gould.

BOXING NOTES.

On the whole CSM. Miner and the battalion Boxers have reasen to be pleased with their performances this winter.

The novices tournament was held in October and some real good bouts were witnessed.

" D " Company managed to win the Inter-Company Shield after a hard tussle with " A " Company.

In the Command Championship we defeated the South Wales Borderers in the first round rather too easily. Harder bouts would have done our men a world of good.

In the 2nd round we met and defeated the Gloucestershire Regiment. Again the opposition was not strong enough.

In the semi-final we met the Green Howards at Abbassia and won by 15 points to 12.

In the final we met the Light Brigade Royal Artillery and were very severely defeated.

Cpl. Watts and Sjt. Grace were our only winners the rest being outclassed. This was caused by our men adopting the wrong tactics. However, we have done extremely well to get into the final and in congratulating the winners we wish them the best of luck next season and regret that we shall not be in Egypt to compete against them.

This is the first time our Other Ranks have been defeated since the war.

A novices tournament will be held on board during our voyage to Gibraltar.

COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final.

Lancashire Fusiliers *v.* Green Howards.

Flyweight : Fus. Hewitt (L.F.) beat Pte. Graham on points. Hewitt, who is not boxng nearly as well as when he first arrived out here, started off at a fast pace but his punches lacked sting and landed too often with the heel of the glove. His opponent, however, was a novice although he put up a game show. Hewitt scored heavily in the last round and won easily.

Welterweight : Sgt. Neck (G.H.) beat Fus. Lester on points. Neck appeared to have a useful advantage in weight and punch and in the first two rounds scored heavily below the heart. Lester fought back gamely occasionally getting in hard to the face but he was well behind at the close although a game loser.

Welterweight : L/Cpl. Sinclair (G.H.) beat Fus. Bruce on points. Bruce fought with a right foot stance which his opponent could not fathom at the start. They both opened with a slog but Sinclair was more accurate. Bruce countered well at times and scored with left swings. In the last round Bruce began to get wild and tired. Sinclair hitting straighter and harder, scored well but took some solid returns from Bruce's overarm left swings. At the end Bruce was taking punishment. This was the best fight of the evening.

Bantamweight : Fus. Stedman (L.F.) beat L/Cpl. Benson on points. Stedman, using a straight left, had a slight lead in every round. They were evidently two absolute novices.

Middleweight : Cpl. Watts, (L.F.) k.o. Pte. Emmett, in the 2nd round ; referee stopped the fight. Emmett was no match for his experienced opponent and after assimilating tremendous punishment gamely for nearly two rounds the referee rightly stopped the fight.

Heavyweight : Sgt. Wootton (L.F.) bt. L/Cpl.Burrell on points. Wootton had a big advantage in weight, height and reach but neither man knew much about the art. The whole of the first round was spent in sizing each other up, and running into clinches. So it continued to almost the end of the second round, when Wootton scored a few blows to the face and body. Wootton got the decision but there was little in it.

Featherweight : Pte. Sumners (G.H.) bt. Fus. Thompson on points. Sumners scored well with right swings for which his opponent had no counter. The Howard had his man groggy in the second round but failed to follow up his advantage. In the last round Thomp-

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son came back fresh and had a shade the best of matters but Sumners had done quite enough to earn the decision.

Light heavyweight: L/Cpl. Liversley (L.F.) k.o. Sgt. Quinn in the second round. A well matched pair. Both were novices but did their utmost to make a fight of it In the second round Liversley put his man clean out with a lucky punch to the jaw when Quin was well ahead on points.

Lightweights: L/Sgt. Grace (L.F.) bt. Pte. Fletcher on points. The loser was game and fought back right to the end although he was consistently outclassed.

Cpl. Watts and Sgt. Grace were the outstanding boxers during the evening, the latter having come on tremendously during the past few months. He has got out of his nasty habit of hitting in holds, while his general ringcraft and correct use of the straight left has improved out of all knowledge. Unfortunately his opponent on Saturday was a sheer novice and although he fought gamely he was no match for the Fusilier. Watts also was not extended and he still stands out in a class by himself in Egypt as a middleweight.

RESULTS OF NOVICES TOURNAMENT 1928-29.

Winners of the Inter-Company Shield "D" Company.

Middle Weight.
Winner: Fus. Lightfoot, "D" Coy.
Runner-Up: Fus. Lester, 1/3.

Welter Weight:
Winner. Fus. Bruce, "A" Coy.
Runner Up: Fus. Jackson, "C" (M.G.)

Light Weight:
Winner: Fus. Stevens, "C" (M.G.) Coy.
Runner Up: Fus. Lockett, 1/3.

Feather Weight:
Winner: Fus. Thompson, "A" Coy.
Runner Up: Fus. Pierce, 1/3.

Bantam Weight:
Winner: Fus. Steadman, "D" Coy
Runner Up: L/C. Hewitt, "C" (M.G.)

Boys Gnat Weight:
Winner: Boy Bullows.

Boys Mosquito Weight:
Winner: Boy O'Donovan.
Runner Up: Boy Simpson.

Boys Bantam Weight:
Winner: Boy Deasey.
Runner Up: Boy Williams.

Boys Light Weight:
Winner: Boy Stanford.

Good Loser Prizes:
Fus. Duckworth, "A" Company, Fus Starling, "D" Company, Fus. James, "B Company, Fus. Allen, "B" Company.

SPECIAL CONTESTS WINTER 1928-29

CAIRO—Friday 14th Sept.
Cpl. Watts, 1st Lan. Fus. lost to Serjt. Wigmore, Royal Scots, on points.
Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus. beat Pte. Fletcher, Royal Tank Corps. on points.

ALEXANDRIA—Monday, 17th Sept.
Cpl. Watts beat Serjt. Franklin, R.A.F. on points.
Cpl. Grace beat Serjt. Davidson, R.A.F. on points.
Fus. Wilson knocked out Boy Mullins, Royal Navy, in the first round.
Fus. Gordon lost to A.B. Wright, Royal Navy, on points.
Fus. Hewitt lost to L.A.C Mages, R.A.F. on points.

MOASCAR:
Cpl. Watts 1st Lan. Fus. beat Sjt. Neck, 2nd Green Howards. (disqualified).
L.A.C. Giblin, R.A.F. beat Fus. Wilson, 1st Lan. Fus. (K.O.)
Pte. Fletcher, R.T.C. beat Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus. (on points).

TERRITORIAL ARMY BOXING

6th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

The annual Boxing Tournament for units of the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, was held on Friday 1st March, at the Hd. Qrs. 42nd Divisional Engineers, 73 Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, when the semi-final and final rounds were decided.

The Divisional Commander, Major-General W. H. Beach C.B. C.M.G., D.S.O. and representatives of almost every unit in the Division were present and an excellent display of boxing was witnessed.

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The main feature of the evening was the overwhelming success of the 6th Bn., The Lancashire Fusiliers (Rochdale, Middleton and Tedmerden), who with a team of eight Competitors won six of the twelve events and provided one runner up in the finals and one in the semi-finals.

It is safe to say that such a sweeping success has never before been attained by one unit and is an example of what can be done by keenness, energy and training.

Congratulations have been received from all sides which include the following messages from the Officers Commanding the 125th (Lan. Fus.) Brigade and the 42nd (E. Lan.) Division.

"The Brigade Commander congratulates all Battalions on the success obtained at the Divisional Boxing Tournament on March 1st also the winners on their success, the losers on their plucky fights and both on their Sportsmanship. The Brigade won nine events out of a possible twelve and provided eight runners up. The 6th Lan. Fus. provided an exceedingly well trained and well turned out team :—

The Divisional Commander wishes to congratulate the boxers on the cleanness of the fighting throughout, and on the high standard of physical fitness exhibited by all who entered the ring for the semi-finals and finals on 1st March.

The following notice was published in Battalion Orders by Lieutenant Colonel L. M. Robinson, M.C. Commanding the 6th Bn., on March 4th.

"The Commanding Officer congratulates the competitors on their keenness and energy in training for the Divisional Boxing Competition and on the Sporting way in which they fought. The result is extremely gratifying, and it is hoped that it may result in an increase of keenness for boxing throughout the Battalion."

The names of the Competitors are as follows :—

OPEN

Light Heavyweight .	L/C. J. H. Leach (Rochdale)
Middle	C.Q.M.S. H. Lines (Rochdale)
Bantam	Fus. A. Rushton (Middleton)
Fly	Fus. J. Beswick (Middleton)

NOVICES

Welter	Fus. E. Straughair (Rochdale)
Light	Fus. J Liptrot (Rochdale)
Fly (Runner up in Final)	Fus. A. Wilson (Rochdale)
Feather (Runner up in semi-final)	Fus. J. Holland (Rochdale)

The four winners in the open competition are proceeding to London to compete in the Territorial Army Boxing Championships at the Stadium Club, 85, High Holborn, London, on the 13th and 14th March.

HOCKEY.

This season has been a very successful one, probably because the opposition is not quite so strong as in England.

In the Command Championship we reached the final against the Green Howards, and lost after extra time, 1 goal to none. The outstanding players this season have been C/Sjt. Day, L/C. Humphries, Cpl. James, Bdn. Baker, Lieut. Kenrick, and Fus. McMahon.

The Inter Company Hockey League again resulted in "H.Q." 2 and 4 carrying off the shield with an unbeaten record.

Iner-Company League.

Coy.	*Won*	*Lost*	*Points to Lawrence Cup*
2 and 4	10	—	6
"A"	7	3	5
"B"	4	6	3 ⅛
"D"	4	6	3 ⅛
1 and 3	3	7	2
"C" (M.G.)	2	8	1

Strength:

The undermentioned disembarked at Port Said on 9.3.29 ex H.T "Nevasa" from

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1 and 4 Groups Hockey Team. Winners of the Inter-company Lawrence Cup Hockey League.

Depot Lan. Fus. and are posted to Companies as shown w.e.f. 10.3.29. :—

" A " Company.

3443438	Fus.	Blacklock	T.
3443447	„	Connally	W.
3443484	„	Elders	S.
3443395	„	Hower	R.
3519414	„	Heywood	H.
3443510	„	Lawrence	R.
3443493	„	Mason	W.
3443539	„	Moran	J.
3443728	„	O'Toole	A.
770991	„	Pearson	T.
3443513	„	Rushton	H.
3443537	„	Turner.....	W.
3443512	„	Walker	A.
3443522	Fus.	Browse	W.
3443468	„	Dumble	E.
3443434	„	Findley	F.
3443473	„	Howarth	A.
778490	„	Jones	J.
3443446	„	Molyneuax	R.
3443536	„	Maxwell	J.
3443518	„	Nightingale	E.
3445574	„	O'Leary	A.
3443396	„	Roden	H.
3443409	„	Turner.....	A.
3443453	„	Wright	J.
3443573	„	Wheeler	A.

" B " Company.

3521537	Fus.	Barker	A.
3443204	„	Brown	W.
3443517	„	Daly	F.
3443515	„	Foster	W.
3443483	„	Heslop.....	M.
3443511	„	Leake	H.
3443266	„	McNulty	J.
3443001	„	Mitton	F.
3443521	„	Norton	D.
3443472	„	Pennystone	G.
3443433	„	Ritson	G.
3443507	„	Thompson	J.
3443479	„	Webster	S.
3443575	„	Wilson.....	A.
3443445	Fus.	Bentham	W.
3443550	„	Campbell	T.
3443530	„	Eaches	G.
3443437	„	Hayes	M.
3443533	„	Ion.....	I.
3443451	„	Lock	W.
3443506	„	Maher	H.
3443553	„	Mound.....	R.
3443548	„	O'Connell	D.
4074621	„	Parkes	H.
3522256	„	Shaw	T.
3443558	„	Thomas	W.
3443209	„	Wild	J.

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" D " Company.

3443249	Fus.	Baxter	T.	10/11
3443519	„	Barratt	W.	11/ 1
3443546	„	Dyer	J.	11/ 3
3441946	„	Hemingway ...	E.	11/ 5
3443509	„	Howarth	J.	11/ 7
3443554	„	Knowles	P.	11/ 9
3443520	„	Miller.....	E.	11/11
3443410	„	Masterman ...	M.	12/ 1
3443556	„	O'Keefe.....	S.	12/ 3
3443490	„	Parkinson	J.	12/ 5
3443491	„	Ryan	H.	12/ 7
3436486	„	Thompson	W.	12/ 9
3593417	„	Wilkinson	G.	12/11
3443523	Fus	Breakall		J.
3442552	„	Carter		A.
3443557	„	Egan		W.
3443470	„	Harwood.....		J.
3443726	„	Jackson.....		C.
3443534	„	Mulholland		P.
3522543	„	McMahon		T.
3443516	„	Nylan		R.
3443480	„	O'Connell		D.
3443435	„	Queen		W.
3443235	„	Shaw		W.
3435400	„	Wiggins.....		H.
3443555	„	Walker		J.

3434326 Sjt. McEvoy, D. " A " Disembarked at Port Said ex H.T. " Nevasa " on 9.3.29 and taken on strength accordingly.

3441912 L/C. Huish, A. " B." Disembarked at Port Said ex H.T. " Nevasa on 9.3.29 and taken on strength accordingly.

3440668 Fus. Isard, A. " B. Disembarked at Port Said ex H.T. " Nevasa on 9.3.29 and taken on strength accordingly.

3439648 Sjt. Wheeldon, E. " D." Disembarked at Port Said ex H.T. " Nevasa " on 9.3.29 and taken on strength accordingly.

3443053 Boy Flood, P. " H.Q." Disembarked at Port Said ex H.T. " Nevasa " on 9.3.29 and taken on strength accordingly.

STRENGTH:

The undermentioned embarked on H.T. " NEVASA " on 9.3.29. posting to the 2nd Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, India, and are struck off strength accordingly.

" A " Company.

3449071 Cpl. W. Gilbertson.
3443344 Fus. W. Atkinson
3442763 Fus E Ainscough
3441673 Fus. W. Butterworth
3442248 Fus. W. Bland.
3443026 Fus. W. Bath.
3443056 Fus. G. Broomhead
3443057 Fus. J. Broomhead
3443353 Fus. J. Cargill.
3443345 Fus. R. Croft.
3443040 Fus. J. Duckworth
3443168 Fus. H. Harrison.
3443307 Fus. W. Holt.
3443192 Fus. F. John.
3442111 Fus. L. Jones.
3443348 Fus. F. Leake.
3443216 Fus. R. Macey.
3443172 Fus. T. Marsden.
3443169 Fus. H. Milsom
3443029 Fus G. Owen.
3443361 Fus. A. Poole.
3445618 Fus. W. Rogers.
3442896 Fus.W. Richards.
3439213 Fus. W. Sandiford
3443219 Fus. J. Sherlock.
3440131 Fus. J. Simpson.
3443173 Fus. F. Smith.
3443160 Fus. J. Swinyard.
3443025 Fus. G. Talks.
3443298 Fus. J. White.
3521356 Fus. G. Williams.

" C " Company.

3521955 Fus. W. Curless.
3442018 Fus. F. Harcup.
3442698 Fus. A. Stott.

" H.Q." Wing.

3434803 Sjt. F. Evans.
3442644 Fus. M. Duffy.
3442660 Fus H. Ross.

" B " Company.

3443346 Fus. T. Appleton.
3443249 Fus. J. Blower.
3442012 Fus. H. Butler.
3443076 Fus. T. Corrigan.
3594860 Fus. J. Critchley.
3443084 Fus. E. Cuffe.
3443267 Fus. G. Doherty.
3442735 Fus. T. Edwards.
3442950 Fus. A. Fooney.
3442971 Fus. N. Foster.
3443106 Fus. A. Griffin.
3442731 Fus. G. Harris.
3442310 Fus. H. Howard.

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3442938 Fus. J. Jones.
3443146 Fus. D. Jenkins.
3443229 Fus. F. Joromy.
3443347 Fus. H. Jarvis.
3443343 Fus. A. Mayhew.
3443309 Fus. J. Mullineaux
3443361 Fus. R. Pugh.
3443181 Fus. O. Radford
3442805 Fus. T. Scott.
3852323 Fus. H. Shuttleworth
3443355 Fus. W. Stockley.
3442733 Fus. J. Thomas.
3443177 Fus. M. Ward.
3443260 Fus. R. Webb.

" D " Company

3442532 Fus. W. Ashworth.
3442687 Fus. J. Citrino.
3441730 Fus. N. Davies.
3435832 Fus. F. Dodd.
3443251 Fus. A. Eccleston.
3442107 Fus. T. Farnen.
3443264 Fus. A. Frost.
159008 Fus. R. Foreman.
3521785 Fus. J. Garrity.
3442738 Fus. A. Godrych.
3442646 Fus. W. Hoare.
3443189 Fus. G. Hodgkins.
3442984 Fus. J. Richmond.
3443228 Fus. O. Roberts.
3443105 Fus. J. Sherridan.
3521734 Fus. J. Shuttleworth.
3442495 Fus. J. Walker.
3443185 Fus. R. Whiteside.
3442709 Fus. J. Wood.
3441582 Fus. G. Robertson.
3521784 Fus. W. Sherrington.
3442718 Fus. J. Turner.
3441682 Fus. J. Waters.
3445105 Fus. M. Wilson.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING ORDERS IN THE GARRISON OF GIBRALTAR.

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The following being the system...for carrying on the daily Duties...in the Garrison of Gibraltar, the Commanding Officer... is responsible...to establish the same... and to use his utmost exertions, so that all under him may perform that portion of duty, which is required of them...with precision and punctuality.

Every N.C.O., Drummer and Private is to rise, *at latest, at half past three o'clock* in the *Summer* Months (from 25 April to 24 August), at *half past four o'clock* in the *Spring* and *Autumn* (from 25 February to 24 April, and from 25 August to 24 October), and at *half past* five *o'clock* in the *Winter* (from 25 October to 24 February). When a long roll* is to beat at the front door of every Barrack, *at which time* they are immediately to commence folding up their Beds, according to the following mode, viz. The Bolster laid at the bottom of the flock Mattress, which is to be doubled over it twice, so as to make it lay in three folds with the Bolster in the Centre ; the Sheets, Blankets and Rug to be once doubled from the length, and then turned together in three folds also, the sheets to be first laid on the Bed, the Blankets on the Sheets, and the Rug on the Blankets ; at the same time the Births (*sic*), or Platforms,** and Rooms are to be swept perfectly clean ; no dirt or litter of any kind whatever to be left under the Births or Platforms, so that there may be a free circulation of air every where, and no possibility of filth collecting....

At the hour established for Breakfast, the Drum is to beat for the Men to go to that Meal, when the Senior N.C.O. present of each Company is to go through the different Barrack Rooms, to see that every N.C.O., Drummer, and Private is *present*, and *correctly sober*, of which he is to make a report to the Serjeant Major, for the information of the Adjutant....The Quarter Master is likewise directed to visit the rooms at the time, and see that they are clean, and the Beds folded up as ordered for the first morning inspection, and that the Porches, Stair-Cases, Passages, and Galleries, are thoroughly cleaned, the Caps of the N.C.Os. and Men

*A rapid, uniform beating, falling upon ears as a continuous sound, by which troops were assembled at any particular spot or rendezvous.

***i.e.*, a raised level surface formed with planks, boards, or the like—in fact, a plank-bed.

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hung upon the Pegs fixed up for that purpose, the Accoutrements on the Racks, with the Bayonet-Belts over the Pouch-Belts, the Arms neatly and uniformly upon the Racks, with the Cocks let down, and good Flints in them. the name of every Man, and the number of his Arms written on a Card, and placed on the top of the Arms exactly over the owners Firelock, the Great Coats neatly rolled up, and with the Knapsacks, hung over the heads of the Births or Platforms : after seeing everything in the order above directed, he is to inspect the Tables for Breakfast, which are to be placed in the center of the Rooms, with the Cloths and Breakfast Utensils properly laid thereon, and the Forms regularly placed on each side of the Tables, ready for the Men to sit down comfortably to Breakfast, when they return from whatever Duty they may have been employed upon, and also to see that the Provisions are properly and cleanly cooked, and in readiness at the appointed hour to serve up.

At *twelve* o'clock during the *Summer* and *Winter* months, and at *One* during the *Spring* and *Autumn* Ones, all N.C.Os' and Men, and in public or Regimental Employ, *including the Old Guard* (except in the *Winter* months, when these will parade at a later hour, as will be specified in the sequel) are to assemble on their respe tive Company Parades, *dressed* in every respect *as for Guard*, and *there* undergo a minute inspection of their Arms, Accoutrements, and Appointments, as well as of every part of their Dress, by the Senior N.C.O. present of each Company, the Band, and Drummers being, at the same time*, and in like manner, inspected by the Serjeant Major who is invariably to have charge of *them*. This being completed, each inspecting N.C.O. is to march the Men under his charge, *in ordinary time, with shouldered Arms*, to the Regimental Parade, where, after the whole is formed in open Column of Companies, the Band and Drummers forming an eleventh division in front of the Grenadiers, each will deliver a written report to the Adjutant. After the Adjt. has received these, he will make his report to the Commg. Officer, who will then order the Company Officers, all of whom, not on Guard, are required to be present, to inspect their respective Companies, and at the same time, the Adjt. is to look over the Band and Drummers, and to report to him, when they have done so ; after which he will order the Officers to take Post, and the Companies to wheel up into line for his own inspection.

At *twenty minutes before the hour established for dinner* a Drum is to beat to mark the time when the Quarter Master, assisted by the Qr. Mr. Serjt., is again to go round the whole of the Barrack Rooms, and see that they are in the same order, as directed for the hour of Breakfast, that the Tables are laid for Dinner, that the Men are all regular, and properly supplied with wholesome and Cleanly cooked Provisions and that these are ready in proper time.

At *the hour established for dinner*, the long roll is to beat for the Men to fall in, at which time the Rolls are to be called, and the N.C.Os. and Men reported the same as at Breakfast, viz. *present* and *correctly sober*. Each corps is always to have a Captain, and a Subaltern, on Duty for the Day, which is to commence at the hour of Guard-mounting. These Officers are always to attend the Grand Parade, at that hour, in order to supply any casual deficiency of Officers, which may unexpectedly occur. The duties of the Captain will conist in visiting the Barracks, *Once at least*, between the hours fixed for each different Parade, and Roll Call, to see that the Men are orderly in their Rooms, that there is no Noise, quarrelling, or gambling, either in the Rooms or Canteen ; that there is no liquor in the Rooms ;....that those who came off duty employ their time in cleaning their Appointments ;....He is frequently to enter the Canteen, and see that everything is conducted with good order and regularity, that there are no inhabitants, or N.C.Os. or Men *of other* Regiments admitted, either there or within the Barracks..... he is

*An early instance of the use of this word as meaning a Military Band of Instrument-Players. A Band in the Army was usually termed 'The Music,' and in a Drill Book published in 1803—*Instructions for forming a regiment of Infantry for parade and exercises, etc.*—it is referred to throughout as 'The Music'— "Pioneers, Drums and Music wheeled up at the same time " ; "The place of the Staff Officers is three paces behind the Music."

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frequently to visit the Barrack Guard, and its Sentries, to walk....round the Sheds of the married People, particularly, after Sunset, and to confine any N.C.O. or Soldier whom he may find in a state of intoxication out of his Barracks, and also, any one attempting to enter Wine Houses, or Shops of any description, where Wine or Spirituous Liquor of any kind is sold....

THE DUTY OF THE SUBALTERN**, is chiefly to have charge of the Barrack Guard, in every particular that is not in the immediate Department of the Adjutant, *that* being the particular province of the Serjeant (as will appear from the Standing Barrack-Guard Orders); to see the Barrack Orderlies paraded 20 minutes after Breakfast, and Dinner Hour, *in their working Dress*, to carry the Breakfasts and Dinners to the Men on Guard, and to such working Parties as may be exempted...from coming home to their Meals; to see that...the Cooks have their Meals in readiness to send off at the established hours, and that they are prepared in a comfortable manner....; to go round the Barrack Rooms twice in the night, to count every Man in his Bed, and ascertain that No Man is absent, to see that the Canteen is not opened until an Hour after Guard-Mounting, and, immediately after the Drummers Call has beat for Tattoo, to turn everyone out of it, except the N.C.O. who has the charge of it, and then to see the Door locked.

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THE MOST POINTED and unremitting attention to cleanliness, both in the persons of the Men, and in the interior of their Barracks, and the admission of fresh air into the Rooms, being points of all others, the most essential and conductive to health, as well as to the comfort of the Men; advantage is to be taken of every opportunity, when the weather will admit of it, between the first morning Parade, and the Breakfast Hour (except on those days when the Regiment is kept off duty, and on Sundays, when the time is otherwise employed) to send their Men under charge of their Officers to bathe, and wash, at the old and new Moles, and at Ragged Staff*: and also to have their Bedding well shook and thoroughly aired, by bringing it out into the Barrack Square, at which time the Rooms are to be always washed, and the Platforms and Trussels scoured.

THE SYSTEM established by the foregoing Orders, is the basis upon which Commg. Officers are to conduct the interior of their Corps, but it is not to be understood that this comprehends *every* Duty to be performed; and therefore the C.O. of each will adopt such further Regulations for the economy of his own, as he may judge most conducive to the good government of it, only observing, *not to omit or deviate from any one point required by this System.*

IT IS TO BE considered, as an invariable Rule, that whenever either the heat of the Sun, or Rainy Weather, prevents any of the Parades or Inspections, ordered in this System, from taking place out of Doors, they are not on that account to be omitted; but the Men, in those Barracks which have Galleries, are to be formed in *them*; and, in those which have *not* that accommodation, *in the Different Barrack Rooms*, by Companies, the Platforms, &c., being, at such time, ranged as much out of the way as is practicable, so as to afford the more room for the Inspecting Officers, and N.C.Os.

AT ONE HOUR AND A HALF before first Evening Gun-fire, the whole, except the Sick, and one half of the Attendants on them, will parade in open Column of Companies with their Arms, Accoutrements, Great Coats, and Knapsacks, when the C.Os. of Companies are minutely to examine the *State* and *Number* of every Serjeant's Pike, Sword, and Sword-Belt; the Firelock, Bayonet, Ramrod, Pouch, Pouch-Belt, Bayonet Belt, Frog, and Sling of every Rank and File;: the Drums, Swords, Sword-Belts and Slings of the Drummers; the Fifes, Fife Cases, Swords, Belts and Slings of the Fifers, and the Hatchets, Saws, Aprons, and Slings of the Pioneers; and see that the whole of each Man's Arms and Appointments, are marked with the Company's Letter, and that the whole Set has the same number, that every Man has his own, and that none of the Marks or Numbers are defaced; they are afterwards to inspect the whole of the Necessaries, as also the Great-Coats which are to be kept in good repair, and complete with Buttons. This being done, they are to fill up a Report....stating all such Casualties,

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**Apparently meaning the Orderly Officer.
*The Ragged Staff wharf.

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as they may have had occasion to notice, and then deliver the same to the C.O., who will next order the Parade to be dismissed unless he should think proper to make any further inspection himself.

STOPPAGES.

Now people all just list to me,
Remember what I say,
Of every stoppage I will tell,
That is cured by I.A.

Oh it ain't gonna to fire no more, no more,
It ain't gonna fire no more,
But how in the world can the Serjeant tell,
It ain't gonna fire no more.

Oh, the gun is firing quite alright,
' Gun Stops ' cries some one keen,
You feel, rotate—it's empty, so
Just change the magazine.

Oh, the gun is firing quite alright,
Gun stops in number one,
You feel, rotate, relay and fire
Thats all—thats to be done.

The gun is firing quite alright,
" Wont fire ' once more in one,
You feel, then shout loudly " Change "
And simply carry on.

The gun is firing quite alright,
Then stops in number two,
Just feel, pull back, relay and fire
It's all you have to do.

The gun is firing quite alright,
And then it stops in third,
Counter rotate, if not, pull back,
Fault in feed has just occurred.

I've told you these quite plainly,
Just one thing more I state,
Always feel the cocking handle,
Before you do rotate.

And now again just list to me
You know your I.A. well,
For any likely stoppage now,
I plainly here will tell.

The gun is firing quite alright,
' Wont fire ' the Serjeants call,
And then you soon had better change,
The feed arm, spring and pawl.

If the feed arm pawl and spring,
Are good and wont go on,
Just shout out to your No. 2
' I want a new piston.

It fires one round and stops again,
' In first ' the Serjeants call,
You call out to your No. 2
And change the left stop pawl,

The gun is firing quite alright,
Gun stops the Serjeants say,
Take three pounds off the spring,
Thats all—They call it friction " A "

The gun fires only several rounds,
And stops again you see,
You oil up all the working parts,
And thats called friction " B "

It still persits in stopping, so
You just apply I.A.
It's friction " C," but when you can,
Strip, clean the muck away,

The gun wont fire in number two,
Whatever shall we try,
The clearing plug is our best friend,
The rest is easy fry.

The gun is firing quite alright,
Stops third with quite a jolt,
The chamber holds an empty case,
You now must change your bolt.

The gun is firing quite alright,
Then stops in third once more,
In the boltway there's an empty case,
Just change the ejector.

The gun still fires but stops in three,
And now there comes the sag,
If it should counter rotate, the cause
Comes, through a damaged mag.

The cartridge guide may sometimes break,
You may get Double feed " B "
Return springs often have no weight,
But it's as easy as A.B.C.

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There's only one Commandment,
Thats not in S.A.T.
Thou shall not strip a loaded gun,
If you want to get a " D "

Gunners ! there are many kinds,
But if you want to be a sunner,
Try to learn this off by heart,
Be a Purka Lewis Gunner.

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MARRIAGES

McEVOY—STARLING.—At Pimlico on the 29th December 1928. Sjt. D. McEvoy "A" Coy. 1st Lan. Fus. to Ellen Annetta Starling.

KIRKE—LUND.—At the Register Office, Andover on 31st July 1925. Sjt. P. A. Kirke "H.Q." Wing 1st Lan. Fus., to Jean Isabell Lund.

CALENDAR FOR REGIMENTAL HISTORY.

APRIL.

1st 1760 XX. crossed River Diemel (Seven Years' War).
1850 XX. reduced to one Battalion.
1873 Depot formed at Bury.
1891 4th Bn. raised.
2nd 1902 3rd Volunteer Active Service Coy. joined 2nd Bn. in South Africa.
3rd
4th 1814 XX cross River Garonne (Peninsular).
5th 1856 Peace proclaimed in Crimea.
1918 5th 7th and 8th Bns. resisted all German attacks at Bucquoy.
6th
7th 1867 Detachment 1st Bn. in aid of Civil Power at Exeter.
1901 2nd Volunteer Company landed in South Africa.
8th 1776 XX. left Ireland for Canada.
9th 1855 Second bombardment of Sebastopol.
1918 2/5th Bn. repulse German attack at Givenchy, 2nd Lieut. Schofield awarded Victoria Cross.
Opening of German offensive at Armentieres.
1917 Opening of British offensive at Arras 2nd Bn. attack Fampoux.
10th 1814 Toulouse. Battle Honour on Colours.
11th 1859 Skirmish at Muchli Goan (India).
12th 1859 Action at Khyber Jungle (India).
1917 Battle of Arras.
13th 1859 Skirmish at Gondah (India).
14th 1821 Napoleon presented 3 volumes of "Coxes' Life of Marlborough" to XX.
1900 1st Volunteer Active Service Coy joined 2nd Bn. in South Africa.
1917 17th Bn. capture of Gricourt.
15th 1867 1st Bn. armed with Sneider Rifles.
16th 1746 Battle of Culloden (Scotland).
17th 1814 End of Peninsular War. Honour on Colour "Peninsular."
18th 1918 German attack on Riez-du-Vinage (France).
19th 1866 Left Wing 2nd Bn. arrived in Hong-Kong from Japan.
20th
21st 1758 2nd Bn under Wolfe transformed into 67th Regt. (Hampshire Regt)
22nd 1814 XX. marched through Toulouse.
23rd 1918 2nd Bn. attack on Riez-du-Vinage.
24th 1879 Headquarters 1st Bn. left Cyprus for Malta.
1918 German attack on Riez-du-Vinage (France) defeated.
25th 1915 Germans use Gas for first time at Ypres.
1915 1st Bn. (29th Division) land at Gallipoli at Lancashire Landing. Awarded 6 Victoria Crosses. Capt. Bromley. Capt. Willis, Sjt. Richards, Sjt. Stubbs, Cpl. Grimshaw and Pte. Kenneally were recipients.
26th
27th 1859 Action at Bishowe Muddy (India). Detachment of XX. mounted on elephants.
28th 1837 Left Wing XX. landed at Deal from India.
29th
30th 1900 1st Bn. left Malta for Egypt.

MAY.

1st 1742 XX. embarked for Flanders (War of Austrian Succession).

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	1867	Headquarters 2nd Bn. landed at Durban from Hong-Kong.
	1881	7th Loyal Lancashire Rifle Corps become 3rd Bn. Lan. Fus.
1st		Gallipoli Great Turkish attack defeated
2nd	1915	by 25th Division.
2nd	1915	Gas attack at Wieltje, Ypres, on 2nd Bn. Pte. J. Lynn, D.C.M., awarded the Victoria Cross.
3rd	1901	2nd Volunteer Active Service Coy. joined 2nd Bn. in South Africa.
	1917	2nd Bn. attack on Chemical Works, Roeux.
4th		XX. arrived at Halifax, N.S., from West Indies.
	1906	1st Bn. arrived in Cairo.
5th	1821	Death of Napoleon XX. on duty.
	1915	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns., attacked Krithia (Gallipoli).
6th	1703	Attack on Guadeloupe (West Indies).
7th	1842	2nd Bn. formed.
	1709	Action at La Gudina.
8th	1837	Headquarters XX. arrived in England from India.
9th	1745	XX. march to relief of Tournay (War of Austrian Succession).
10th	1745	XX. engaged in affair of outposts.
11th	1745	Battle of Fontenoy (War of Austrrian Succession).
12th		
13th		
14th		
15th	1859	1st Bn. occupy Gonda (India Mutiny).
16th		
17th		
18th		
19th		
20th	1813	Crossed River Douro (Peninsular).
21st		
22nd	1756	William Kingsley gazetted Colonel of the XX.
23rd		
24th	1819	Queen Victoria born. Empire Day.
	1915	Gas attack on 2nd Bn. in Ypres Salient.
25th		
26th		
27th	1866	Headquarters 2nd Bn. arrived Hong-Kong from Japan.
28th		
29th	1776	XX. arrived in Canada from Ireland.
30th		
31st	1812	Skirmish at Esla (Peninsular).
	1902	End of Boer War, Battle Honour on Colours " South Africa, 1899-1902."

JUNE

1st	1813	Colonel Robrt Ross promoted Major General.
2nd		
3rd	1865	King George V. born.
	1915	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. attack at Krithia (Gallipoli).
4th	1821	XX. arrive at Bombay from St. Helena.
	1855	Skirmish before Sebastopol.
	1915	1st Bn. attack at Helles (Gallipoli).
5th	1901	5th Bn. left England for South Africa.
6th	1758	Attack on St. Malo (War with France).
	1900	Skirmish at Pogwani (Boer War).
7th	1758	Occupation of St. Malo.
8th	1900	Attack on Botha's Pass.
9th		
10th	1853	XX. embarked at Quebec for England.
11th	1900	Action at Allerman's Neck.
12th	1727	End of 13th Siege of Gibraltar.
13th	1900	Action at Rhenoster.
14th	1819	Headquarters of XX. land at St. Helena.
15th	1789	XX. left Ireland for Halifax.
	1812	XX. cross River Ebro.
16th	1856	XX. march into Sebastopol.
17th	1855	Skirmish at Sebastopol.
18th	1813	Skirmish at Osmar (Peninsular).
19th	1691	Commencement of second Siege of Athlone.
20th	1691	Attack on Athlone.
	1916	10th Bn. engaged at Contalmaison (France).
21st	1813	Battle of Vittoria. Battle Honour on Colours.
22nd	1900	Skirmish at Honings Spruit.
	1901	Coronation of King Edward VII. 2nd Bn. on duty in Mall.
23rd	1901	5th Bn. landed at Capetown.
24th	1762	Battle of Wilhelmstahl (Seven Year's War).
25th	1809	XX. landed in Ireland from Peninsular.
26th		
27th	1743	Battle of Dettingen. Battle Honour on Colours.
28th	1838	Coronation Queen Victoria. XX. on duty on Constitution Hill.
	1916	Pte. Hutchinson, 2/5th Bn., awarded Victoria Cross.
29th		
30th	1691	Fall of Athlone.
	1870	Headquarters 2nd Bn. left Natal for Mauritius.

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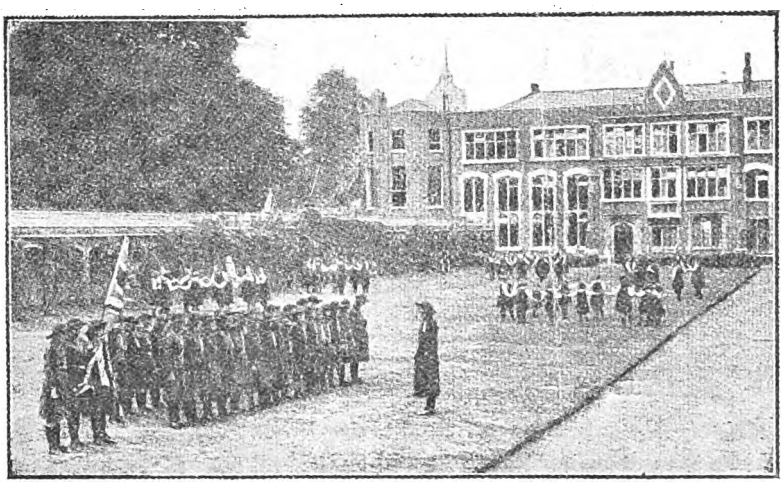

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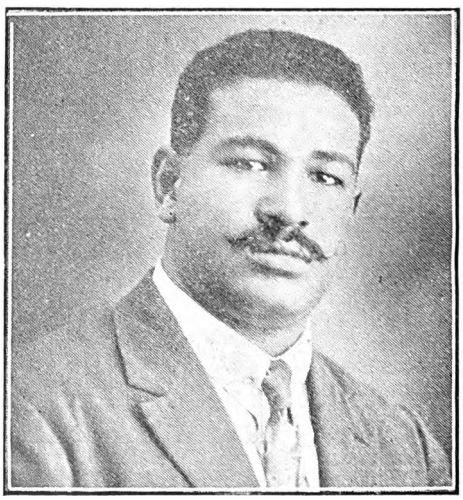

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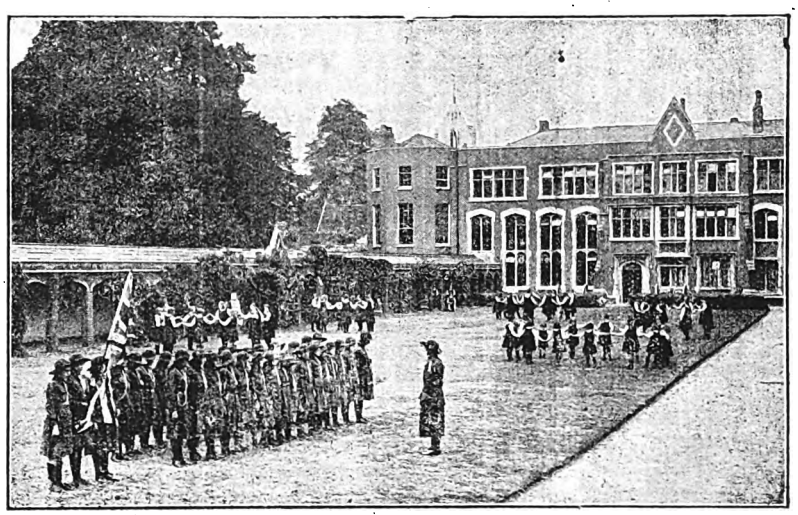

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The Sphinx superscribed "Egypt." The Red Rose. "*Omnia Audax.*"
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The battle honours gained before "The Great War" are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour and those in thick type gained during "The Great War" are emblazoned on The King's Colour.

JOTTINGS.

All ranks congratulate Colonel Luker on the success of his operation and are pleased to see him with the Battalion again.

Immediately prior to our sailing from Port Said, the following letter was received from General Sir E. Peter Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the British Troops in Egypt. "On the move of the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers to Gibraltar, I wish to tell you how much I regret your departure. The tone and discipline of the Battalion during your short stay here has been very good. It has acquitted itself most creditably, at training and in all sports and athletics, where it has gained many successes. In bidding you good-bye I wish you and all ranks under you the best of good fortune in the Future."

(Sd.) E. P. STRICKLAND,
Lieut.-General,
Commanding British Troops in Egypt.

The Commanding Officer despatched the following message in reply.

To General Strickland, Cairo.

"All ranks greatly appreciate your letter and reciprocate good wishes."

Lancashire Fusiliers.

COMPLIMENTARY.

His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief has expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the various movements were carried out on H.M. The King's Birthday Parade, and considers that the results achieved do great credit to the garrison and to the British Army.

He has further directed that all ranks of this Battalion shall be informed that special commendation is due to them for the manner in which they carried out the Trooping of the Colour; that they were able to execute it with such precision in spite of the fact that they have been such a short time in the Fortress is sufficient indication of the trouble which has been taken in preparation.

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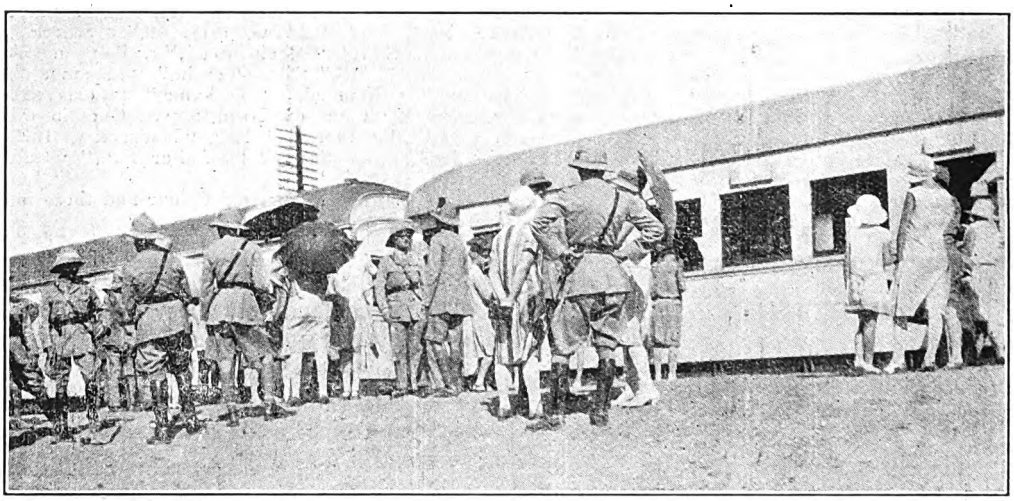
General d'Amade who commanded the French Troops at the Dardanelles has presented a photograph of himself to the Officers Mess. Letters connected with this presentation appear elsewhere in this number.

All ranks will be pleased to hear that Colonel Spooner can still hold his own at cricket. During the Regimental Week of the Prince of Wales Volunteers, South Lancashire Regiment, Colonel Spooner made 23, 39, and 74 and in each case was caught.

Heartiest congratulations to Capt. C. L. Rougier on passing the Staff College examination.

A cable wishing the Battalion *Bon Voyage* was received from Captain and Mrs. Hawkins on our arrival at Port Said from Moascar.



DEPARTURE FROM MOASCAR, MAY 2nd, 1929.

We have much pleasure in publishing in this number an account of the Battle of Maida, which Colonel H. M. Farmer has very kindly written for the *Gallipoli Gazette.*

An account of the Battle of Maida appeared in No. 9 *G.G.*

Major J. A. Davenport who left the Battalion during our tour in Ireland has presented to the Editor a most interesting volume entitled "Wolfe in Scotland." With the exception of the '45, the whole of Wolfe's time in Scotland was spent with the Regiment, as a Major virtually in command, and later as Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding. As this book is most valuable from a Regimental point of view the Editor considers that its proper place is in the Mess Library and intends placing it there on arrival at Catterick.

As the *Neuralia* was approaching Gibraltar the following message was received and much appreciated.

"Welcome from The East Surreys. Hope you will like Gib."

We were very sorry to miss Vice-Admiral C. S. Townsend who was relieved by Rear-Admiral Curtis a few days before our arrival.

Admiral Townsend was Beachmaster at Gallipoli and presented to the Battalion a photograph of the cutters approaching "W Beach" on the morning of the 25th April 1915.

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The following survivors of "The Landing" are still serving with the Battalion :—

C.S.M. F. Capon, D.C.M., C.S.M. A. E. Miner, M.M., C.S.M. W. G. Campbell, Sjt. J. Gambie, Sjt. F. Brennan, Sjt. D. McEvoy, D.C.M., M.M., Fus. A. Jones (77) Fus. J. Knox and C.Q.M.S. Wall.

We were very pleased to hear that Capt. K. Fletcher-Barratt, R.A.M.C., was successful in passing his examination. We offer our hearty congratulations.

The marriage of Lieut. R. G. R. Ames, The Lancashire Fusiliers, and R.W.A.F.F., son of the late Captain and Mrs. Ames, and Nellie, the daughter of Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Mrs. O'Grady of Folkestone, took place at Holy Trinity Church, Folkestone on the 11th May 1929.

Captain and Mrs. Surtees, Capt. E. W. Oxenford, C.Q.M.S. Harvey and wife, Sjt. Ramsden and family, the wives and families of C/Sjt Day, Sjt. Crossley, Sjt. McEvoy, Cpl. Evans and Fus. Dalton; and a draft of 3 Sjts., 1 Dmr., 1 Boy and 47 Fusiliers arrived at Gibraltar on the 29th May. We offer them a hearty welcome to the Battalion.

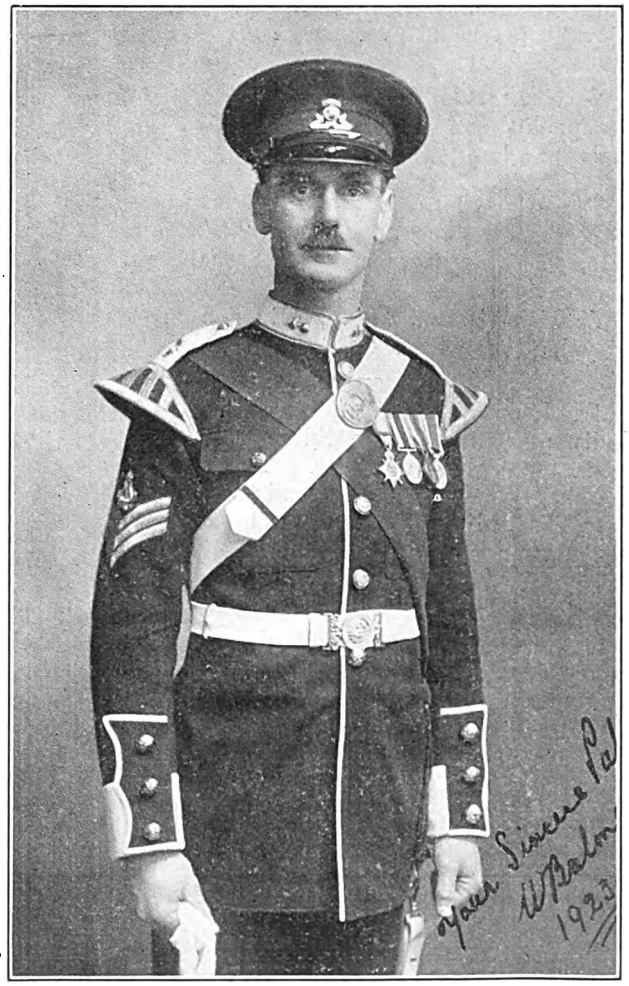
Congratulations to Lieut. L. O. Lyne on passing his promotion examination (B).

We were very pleased indeed to see Brigadier A. D. Macpherson, our old Brigade Commander in Egypt who called on the Battalion for a few hours on his way home on leave. We wish him and Mrs. Macpherson a most enjoyable leave.

Captain R. H. Middleditch of The Green Howards also found time to come to see us from the P. & O. homeward bound. We hope that all old friends from Egypt who happen to be passing through, will do the same.

Lieut. G. L. Shadwell arrived at Gibraltar on H.M.S. *Sussex* and was instrumental in arranging visits to the ship for our other Ranks.

Another old friend has arrived in the Reverend C. Cameron, M A, who was our Padre at Dover. We trust Mrs. Cameron is feeling the change beneficial.



Band Serjeant W. BALME.

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Major F. S. Modera acted as Brigade Major to Colonel Spooner during the concentration at Tidworth. The Brigade fought all the old battles over again. Silk Hill, Beaches Barn, Haxton 0 and Windmill Hill. How many of us remember that thrilling night attack from the Ranges to the Ludgershall Road, when the Battalion reached its objective unmolested, the enemy having fallen asleep.

Major E. J. B. Tagg proceeded on leave to the U.K. on the 22nd July. After leave he is taking the course at the Senior Officers School. We hope he has a most enjoyable leave and a very successful course.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Chaloner on his appointment and offer him and Mrs. Chaloner a hearty welcome to the Battalion.

We congratulate Sjt. Lloyd on his success at the Signals School Catterick, "D's" are scarce these days especially on Signals.

We wish Sjt. and Mrs. McEvoy a most enjoyable tour with the T.A.

Mr. Jack Williams of Dover, has very kindly presented to the Editor the latest illustrated guide to Dover. The book is remarkably well turned out and makes most enjoyable reading. Many references to the 2nd Bn. leaving Dover for France are mentioned. The Guide has been placed in the Officers Mess, North Front.

We hear that Fusiliers Carter and Barker late of "A" Company, are a tower of strength in the Boxing Team of the 2nd Bn

All ranks congratulate the athletic team on their successes in Egypt, and to all those who helped to win the Command Trophy for the best sporting Unit.

A number of subscriptions are still due for 1927 and 1928. Will those who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions kindly do so as soon as possible.

The following is an extract from the Annual Inspection Report 1928-29.

"A good Battalion with the right spirit."

(Sd.) E. P. STRICKLAND,
Lieut. General.
General Officer Commanding
British Troops in Egypt.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of numerous subscriptions. Owing to our heavy postage bill will those who have paid their subscriptions please accept this as an acknowledgement.

Sports Catalogues of the N.A.A.F.I. have been received and distributed to the institutes. The attention of Officers i/c Sports is invited to the excellent bargains obtainable from the N.A.A.F.I.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who contributed articles and photographs for this number.

Letters of Interest.

The following letter was received from General d'Amade who commanded the French Troops at Gallipoli.

TRANSLATION.

25th April 1929.

I send to my gallant brothers-in-arms of the Gallipoli Peninsular, the glorious Lancashire Fusiliers of "W" Beach, my most sincere and affectionate greetings on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the Landings.

The Regiment added an immortal record to its Colours as it did to the history of its Country. To have been associated with that magnificent operation of war was an

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honour for France and an immense privilege for the Commander of the French Troops which served under me and General Sir Ian Hamilton.

I thank my friends the Lancashire Fusiliers for having so kindly shown me by their telegram that they share the memories which all the French Troops at the Dardanelles, and their Commander in particular, cherish proudly and from the bottom of their hearts.

(Sd.) General A. d'AMADE.

Our very best wishes for the success and renown of The Lancashire Fusiliers.

Reply to General d'Amade's Letter.

South Barracks,
Gibraltar,
May 30th, 1929.

Dear General d'Amade,

On behalf of the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel R. Luker, who is ill in England, and all ranks of the 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, I write to offer our sincerest thanks for the honour you have done us, in sending this Battalion your photograph and the very kind letter which followed it.

They have both only just reached us owing to the fact that we have just recently moved from Egypt to Gibraltar and consequently had to be forwarded from Ismailia. I hope you will forgive us for delaying in writing to you.

We esteem it a great privilege to be able to add to our treasured mementos of the landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, the autographed portrait of the gallant and revered Commander of our brave Allies the French troops, who always fought so brilliantly and heroically at our side.

Once more dear General please accept our thanks for the great honour you have paid us.

Yours Very Sincerely,

(Sd.) E. J. B. TAGG.

Some Notes on Vocational Training

By Lieut.-Col. F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

THE pamphlet issued with A.C.I. 219 of 1928 gives full particulars of the facilities which exist for soldiers to undergo Vocational Courses in subjects other than those taught at the Army Vocational Training Centre. The advantages to be gained by these "Outside Courses" does not seem, as yet, to be fully realized by serving soldiers, so a few notes drawn from a year's experience of the scheme, may not come amiss.

The Scheme for Outside Courses is this:—

A soldier can apply through the usual channels for vocational training in any subject he likes. His application, in due course, reaches me, as Commandant of A.V.T.C., Hounslow. I, in turn, approach Civilian schools or bodies, who may be prepared to accept the applicant as a pupil. If they agree, and I am satisfied that the instruction will be suitable, the Course is arranged. The soldier, of course, has to pay the whole fee demanded by the Civilian School and also his travelling expenses between Hounslow and the School. He does not, however, have to pay the fee of 7s. 6d. per week, which soldiers doing a Course at an Army Centre have to pay.

Before putting in for one of these courses a soldier must be sure of several points. He must have enquired into the possibility of obtaining employment in the line he takes up. Unless he has some definite aim in view, success is unlikely. Previous knowledge of the subject is in most cases essential, as the soldier will be trying to do in six months something the civilian beginner would take a year or more to do. He must be prepared to work twelve hours a day, if necessary, when learning, and to put down a good round sum in fees for his training. These fees vary from £1 or so to £25.

The soldier must, in fact, know exactly what he wants, why he wants it, and should prepare himself for the course by previous study and by saving money for his fees and other incidental expenses.

In submitting an application the soldier has to add a letter in his own handwriting, explaining his reasons for requiring the training, and giving details of any experience he may

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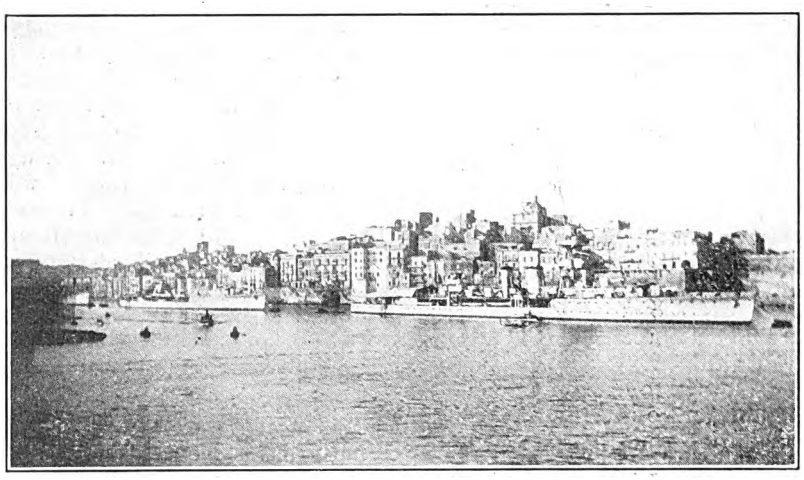
have had. The name of a suitable school or place of instruction, should be given if known. The fuller detail given in this letter the better chance there is of arranging a course. Civilian schools have to be asked if they will accept the applicant as a pupil, and those of the better kind will not do so unless they think he will prove successful. It is a great help if the name of a suitable school can be mentioned, and there is no reason why a soldier should not make tentative enquiries himself. In fact, if the training is required at a business house or firm, it is better that this should be done. It should be remembered that these courses can only take place in the London area.

has to know the streets, clubs, theatres and principle buildings like a book, and a man has to be quick witted and put in long hours of work in order to pass in six months. It can, however, be done, and employment is a certainty. I am told, on good authority, that an enterprising taxi-driver in London can earn £5 per week.

Salesmanship is a subject for which there has been a considerable demand, but at present there is no suitable whole-time school. Quite a number of soldiers, who were unable to get vacancies at this Centre in the Motor Mechanics Class, have attended for an outside



MALTA HARBOUR, 1929.

Applications for training in a remarkably wide range of trades and callings have been received, and it has been possible to arrange training in over 15 different subjects, as widely different as ladies hairdressing and monumental masonry.

The largest number of applicants have been for book-keeping. This is a subject I would not advise anyone to take unless they have a definite end in view. The labour market is full of girls who can do the work and will do it for 25s. a week. The next most popular has been "Knowledge of London." This is training in order to pass for a Scotland Yard Licence as a Taxi-driver. The test is extremely hard, even for a Londoner, for he

course in motor driving at a well-known Civilian school.

Pastry Cooks and Bakers have been accepted at the L.C.C. School of Bakery, and a Printer at the London School of Printing. Previous employment at the trade is, however, an essential at these two particular schools, and at some others.

Wireless Operating has been taken by several, but without considerable previous knowledge; six months is too short a time in which to get the Postmaster General's Certificate.

There is an excellent school for Ladies Hairdressing available, but the fees, £25, are prohibitive in most cases.

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Ticket writing is a subject which has been taken in only one case, and is seemly, one which soldiers, who can do a bit of drawing or sketching, might make enquiries about. There may be good chances of employment.

Success, where it has come, and it has come in many cases, has been due entirely to the ability and energy of the soldier himself. Similarly those who have failed have done so through their own lack of ability and determination.

In conclusion these Outside Courses are an undoubted boon to soldiers who have taken the trouble to investigate the possibilities of obtaining employment after a course, and who prepare themselves beforehand to take full advantage of the teaching they will receive.

BULL-FIGHTING IN SPAIN.

SOME IMPRESSIONS,

by Captain G. SURTEES, M.C.

DURING their tour of duty at Gibraltar many will no doubt take the opportunity of fulfilling a long-felt desire to witness a bull-fight.

Interest in this spectacle is obviously enhanced by some slight knowledge of the sport, and it is with the object of furnishing such knowledge that these notes are written.

Bull fighting can hardly be compared with modern sport. Its parallel lies rather in the scenes of the Ancient Roman Amphitheatre, and it unquestionably constitutes a link with the past. Further it must be remembered that the art of bull fighting has considerably deteriorated, and the bull-fight of today is but a travesty of its predecessor of former times. Even the name "Bull-fight" is a very low translation of "Fiesta de Toros"—the time—honoured Castillian title for "Feasts, festivals and Holy days of bulls".

The Bull-Ring.—The exterior of the building is somewhat unprepossessing, but inside a circular, sanded and freshly watered arena is surrounded by tiers of stone seats. Formerly the scene must have been a gay one, for the spectators wore their many coloured national gala dress. Today the somewhat unromantic "Straw boater" predominates, broken here and there by the gay shawls of the Spanish ladies, who wear their becoming *Mantillas* (coloured veils draped from high tortoise-shell combs). The shawls (or "Mantones de Manilla") are spread over the rails in front of their seats, and give one a glimpse of the more picturesque past. The discomfort of the stone seats is alleviated by the use of cushions, which can be hired. Prices are generally high, for the expenses of the bull-fight are heavy, and moreover a percentage of the proceeds has to be devoted to charity.

The Bulls.—These are reared on bull farms of which there is one situated between Gibraltar and Algeciras. The animals are specially bred for the purpose, and when twelve months old are tested for courage by mounted herdsmen, who charge them with sharp goads. Bull-calves which face the steel are kept and branded, those that flinch are rejected. In due course they are tested again, being baited in a ring with buttons on their hornstips. By the time the bull is ready for the ring he is a fierce and perfectly untamed brute in the pink of condition.

The Team. — The "Matador" is the leader, and the man who actually kills the bull. He is of course the most skilful and daring of the bull-fighters, and gains his position by proving his courage and skill as a novice. At the moment there are not more than 20 first class matadors in Spain, and of these the most successful probably make some £20,000 a year. They are, of course, the idols of the populace, and their names are household words in the country. Proof of the danger of their calling lies in the fact that practically every matador during his career, which normally lasts some ten years, sustains serious injury of some sort, while many meet their deaths in the ring. With their large profits they are able to indulge in personal decoration – the delight of the Spaniard. Their hair is gathered behind in a knot, and the head dress is the "Montera', a small cap. Their short Moorish type of jackets and tight fitting breeches are of gay colours, heavily embroidered in gold and silver. Silk stockings, ball room pumps and a scarlet cloak complete their attire. Usually three

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bull-fighters assist the Matador. Their dress is similar, but less ornate, and their rôle is to play the bull with their cloaks, and also to fix the "Banderillas"—long barbed darts ornamented with paper of many colours.

The "Picadors".—Of whom there are usually two in a team, are in both appearance and rôle a striking contrast to the rest of the team. A broad-brimmed Spanish hat, short jacket, and buff-leather leg gear, heavily armoured on the right leg, present a drab but business-like appearance. Armed with a long lance tipped with a sharp point, and mounted on a horse, the picador is called upon to receive the bull's charges, and with his lance to hold off the brute, and prevent its reaching the horse. The picadors' steeds are the sorry spectacle of the bull-ring. Feeble and decrepit they are quite incapable of withstanding the bull's charges, with the result that they are almost invariably thrown, are usually tossed or gored, or both. It is no uncommon sight to see as many as six horses killed in this way in one evening, while still more sad to relate is the fact that wounded animals are hastily patched up and brought into the ring soon after. Of the effect of this on the English mind the less said the better. Yet the Spaniards maintain that without the horses it would be impossible to kill the bull, as it is the pushing against the picador's lance, or alternatively the pushing against the horse, that tires the bull, and causes him to carry his head low, thus enabling the matador to reach the fatal spot for the final thrust. It is good to know that of late public opinion in Spain has shown signs of realising the cruelty to the horses, and as a result these now carry pads, which afford some measure of protection. The matador's team is completed by three mules harnessed abreast, and gay with coloured tassels, top-knots and necklaces of bells. These are used to remove the dead bulls from the ring.

The Bull-Fight (or "Corrida").—The entertainment opens with a procession of bull-fighters (or "toreros"). Headed by the matadors all the performers, including the mule teams, tour the arena, halt opposite the President and salute him. At each meeting there are usually six bulls to be killed, each matador accounting for two. The matador who is to despatch the bull directs the operation, which are carried out by his own team. The other matadors and their teams stand by in the ring ready to assist when required, and to join in when they feel so inclined. Having saluted the President the procession breaks up; the horses and mules leave the ring; the bull-fighters repair to the "Funk-holes" around the arena, while the matador who is to kill the first bull goes to the President, and receives from him the key of the bull-cell ("Toril"). A blast on the trumpet and the cell door is opened: the bull enters the ring, and the excitement begins. Dazed by the light the bull usually halts in the centre of the ring to take in his new surroundings. For a few moments the assistants play the bull with their cloaks. At this stage the animal is not usually dangerous, for his rushes are blind and straight-forward, and accidents seldom occur. A second blast on the trumpet heralds the first of the three acts. The two horses are brought in, the picadors mount, and in turn each receives two charges from the bull. The horses are padded, and also blindfolded on the off-side, and are led by grooms close up to the bull, which is then induced to charge. The picador plunges his lance into the beast, and endeavours to hold him off. In this he is seldom successful, and usual result is a heavy fall for horse and rider, together with, or followed by injury or even death to the horse. The bull-fighters endeavour to draw off the bull from the horse and man, and it seems remarkable to the uninitiated that picadors are seldom hurt. Still more remarkable is the fact that a picador only receives about £1 per performance, for work which almost certainly entails four heavy falls, and may result in serious injury. Further details of this act are left to the imagination, for as has already been indicated the sight is a painful one to English eyes. When each picador has received about four charges the trumpet sounds again, and the second act begins. The horses are removed, or their dead bodies covered, and the assistants in turn take two banderillas, induce the bull to charge them, and, as he does so, plant their two darts symmetrically on each side of the bull's withers. This feat affords an opportunity for the display

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of grace and skill. Assistants, or even matadors, sometimes during this act perform feats of daring such as the "Suerte de la Capa" (Feat of the Cloak). This consists of the Torero turning his back on the bull when only some two yards away, holding his cloak behind his shoulders, and so receiving the brute's charge, which is avoided by a neat side-step at the last moment. Another trick is to place one or both feet between the bull's horns as he charges, be lifted up by the animal's toss, and alight on the far side of the bull. When three pairs of banderillas have been fixed the President usually gives the signal for the third and last act. The matador now goes to the President, and receives from him permission to kill the bull. Throwing aside his cap the matador, armed with a long straight sword, and a small red cloak (or "Muleta") now faces the bull, which by this time is shewing signs of fatigue, and has also lost a certain amount of blood from the lance thrusts and banderillas. The attention of the crowd is now rivetted on the bull and single opponent, for this is the time for accidents, and for excitement of the kind the Spaniard loves. During the first two acts the matador has been carefully studying the bull, and he now plays him at close quarters, making certain conventional passes over and under the animal's head. He does this holding the cloak in one hand and concealing his sword in it. When he is satisfied that he has the measure of the brute, and when the latter is either stationary or moving slowly forward with lowered head, the matador, drawing his sword from the cover of his cloak and poising himself before the bull, takes careful aim, and plunges his sword between the shoulder blades. If the blow is true and the sword goes deep, the bull usually retires to the side of the ring. After a short while it sinks to its knees, and lies down to die. In this case its death may be hastened by a blow from a dagger delivered at the top of the spinal column by an assistant, for such a butcher's task is beneath the dignity of a matador. More often than not, however, the first blow is not fatal, the matador takes a new sword, and the performance is repeated until the bull is killed. During such scenes pandemonium reigns, for the audience is fastidious in their ideas of killing, and outspoken in their comments on failures by matadors. On the death of the bull, the mule team enters, is harnessed to the bull's carcase, which is then draggod out of the ring. If the matador has killed his bull quickly and cleanly he is cheered to the echo, and hats are thrown into the ring, to be returned by him. If the killing has been somewhat protracted, or a bull has put up a good fight, the dead animal is dragged round the arena several times, to the accompaniment of vociferous cheers from the spectators. So ends the bull-fight, to be repeated for the five remaining bulls, each fight lasting some twenty minutes.

The Wanderings of the Children of Lanfus.

132. And after a time the Chiidren departed from the land of Egypt, amidst many lamentations from the other tribes of the Army of Eng. in Moascah.

133. A short journey in the pagle gharry, and they boarded a strange chariot called the *Neuralia* which carried them bravely and safely on the waters of the Middle Sea to their new home.

134. On board the chariot there was a strange man who answered to the name of "Troops."

135. And it is said that on board all the chariots which carry the tribes of the Army of Eng. to strange places, there is on every one a "Troops."

136. And tis even said that these men are a special breed, for they have many cunning ways, albeit they are gentle in their dealings with the passengers. (Sometimes).

137. Now once each day he saith unto his bard, "Sound O ye bugles, fill the air with music, for thou must lead the merry promenade on "Rounds."

138. The Chronicler telleth of "Rounds."

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139. Now be it known to all that this promenade was a very important affair and the throng consisted of the mightiest on board.

140. In the van came the bard, a merry man who blew joyous blasts on his bugle that all might know that the merry throng was approaching.

141. Then came the S.S.M., a terrible man with a voice of thunder, whose glance was sufficient to quell the most rowdy.

142. Next came the Captain, a mighty man, he, from whom nothing was hidden.

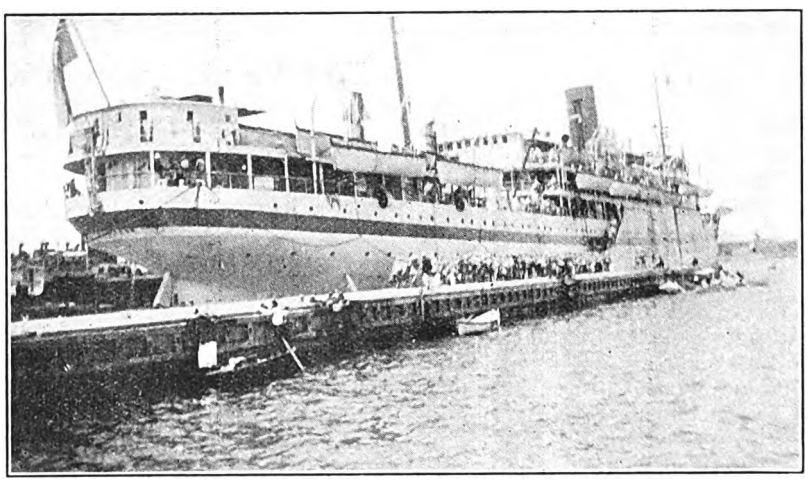
148. Then came the Captain of the day (very bored).

149. Then the Subaltern of the day (tickled to death) as is the way of such youths.

150. Next came the baggage officer, blissfully unconscious of baggage in the gangways. Good fellah!

151. And to the rearward comes the S.Q.M.S. A jovial man, merry of eye and rotund of paunch. Yea! A stout man he.

152. And as the throng approached the shelter deck, the minstrels of the Children, led by their chief, played lustily



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"H.Q." WING GOING ABOARD THE NEURALIA.

143. And with him was the OCEE Troops who spake many words to the next in the column—the Adje.

144. And after the Adje. came "Troops" silent and watchful. Very.

145. Then the Q.M. with ready answers for every question, as is the way of Q.M.'s

146. And still they came.

147. The S.M.O. a great magician and healer of the sick, lame and lazy, who concocted queer medicines for his patients.

on their instruments, a celtic air, which methinks was a masterly stroke.

153. A right merry blast on the bugle and all was peaceful again. Thanks be.

154. And when the day was o'er and all had retired to their hammocks, then did "Troops" sally forth to tuck the Children into their beds that they might sleep easily and safely.

155. Now he that was chosen as the Subaltern of the day set about his duties right joyously.

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156. And three times during the day he descended to the galley, and saw unto the food, and taking with him the O.S. who rapped on the tables and said; "Behold he that is the Orderly Officer."

157. And then the O.O. spoke unto the Children saying "Is it well with the food"? Whereupon they answered him saying "Behold this beef, tis like leather, is thy servant a piedog that he should eat this thing"?

158. And the O.O. departed in haste saying that he would see unto it. Perchance he did, for he returned not.

159. At a certain hour accompanied by the Captain of the day, he would descend to the fount of liquor that they might taste the ale, and be it known that one taste was insufficient, for one taste begetteth another, until their thirsts were well and truly appeased.

160. After many days the Children arrived at their future home, a barren rock named Gib., covered with Apes and Scorpions, which shall be described in next chapter.

The Battle of Maida—1806.

BEING at war with Napoleon, Great Britain sent troops to Sicily to help its people in their resistance to his attempt to make Italy a United Kingdom, under the Crown given to Joseph Buonaparte.

The Calabrians were waging a guerilla war against the French on the mainland, and a small British force was detached to the aid of these wild hill clans This consisted, to give them their present day titles, of the following:—

The 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.
The 1st Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
The 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders.
The 2nd Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire).

There were also two foreign regiments in British pay:

The Corsican Rangers and The Sicilian Mountaineers, whilst the cavalry consisted of midshipmen, spared from the Fleet commanded by Sir Sydney Smith, mounted on Sicilian donkeys. Total strength about 5000: commanded by Sir John Stuart.

This force crossed the Straits, and landed in the Bay of St. Euphemia on the 30th June, whilst a demonstration was made by the Lancashire Fusiliers (less the light company) under Colonel Ross, between Reggio and Cape Spartivento. The Battalion was divided into parties equivalent to a modern platoon, each manning a large boat capable of holding 100 men.

Stuart, with his remaining troops, landed without opposition, and marched through the broken and wooded country near the coastline towards Maida, the principal town in the neighbourhood.

General Regnier, commanding the French Army in Calabria, promptly took measures to deal with the invaders. He anticipated the arrival of the British at Maida, and concentrated 5,000 good troops in a very strong position covering the town; while 3,000 more under Monteleone, who were within reach, were put on the move, Regnier had only to play a waiting game to spoil that of the British.

However the French Commander was of an impatient temperament and was full of pride and trust in his war hardened veterans. He had fought Stuart in Egypt and had taken a knock. He burned to avenge his former defeat. He was incensed that the British were bringing lads mounted on donkeys against his fine cavalry: he thought of the prestige of the hundred victories of which his troops could boast, of the Austrians and the Russians who had gone down before them. But he did not realise that the imagination of the British soldiers was not impressed by this, neither was that of the Naval Cavalry.

Regnier resolved to leave his position on the high ground, not wait for Monteleone, to attack Stuart as he advanced, and to give the French Cavalry their opportunity on the plain.

He advanced with great confidence: being joined by Monteleone just before Stuart

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came within striking distance: the French being then 8,000 against the British with less than 5,000.

A "contact" battle ensued, with no pre-concerted turning movements attempted on either side. It was left to the Lancashire Fusiliers to introduce an element of tactical skill: coming in on the flank of the French at the critical moment of the fight, and turning the tide of battle in favour of the British.

The Lancashire Fusiliers returned in their boats to Messina on the 3rd July, where they were transferred to transports and sailed at once to St. Euphemia Bay, arriving on the morning of the 4th July soon after daylight

The ship in which was Colonel Ross was hailed from the British Flagship, and the information given, that it was the intention of Sir John Stuart to attack the French that morning.

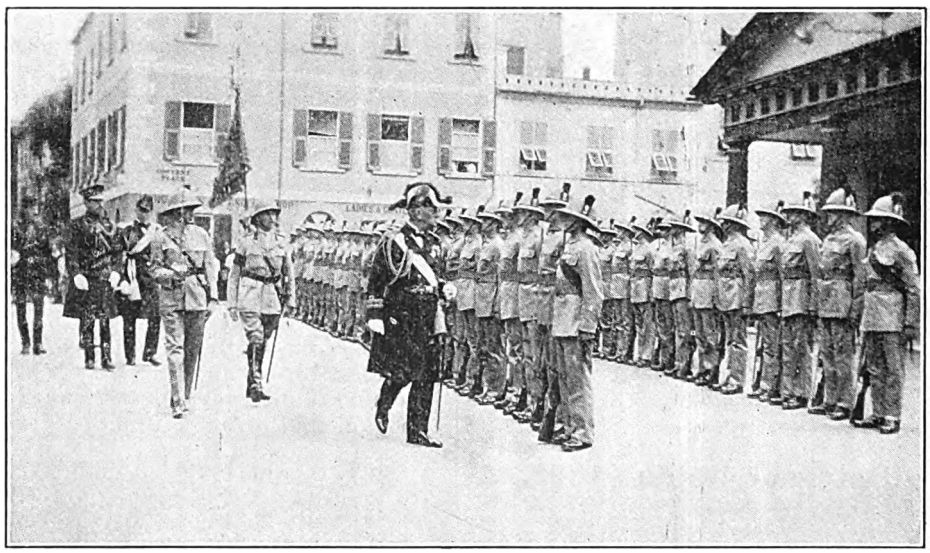
Acting on his own initiative, Colonel Ross disembarked the Battalion at once; the landing being made through heavy surf.

Each Officer and man carried 3 days rations, and 75 lbs. of ammunition and kit. No time was lost in moving to the support of the main body.

Sir John Stuart had disposed his force as follows:—with skirmishers ahead: the light company of all Battalions as his right wing under Kempt: the Seaforth Highlanders and tho Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) in the centre: the Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers on the left, the remainder under his own hand. The light Company of the Lancashire Fusiliers under Captain Murdock McLean had the place of honour on the right of the line, against which Regnier sent his best troops.

There was low brushwood on the British right. The soil was sandy and the sun was very hot. The young soldiers found the conditions very trying.

When touch was gained, both sides being on the move, French Cavalry, supported by Infantry, rolled up the British skirmishers and drove them in confusion upon the Light Company of the Lancashire Fusiliers. This Company held its ground. Captain McLean was shot through the heart and his subaltern Russell, took command.



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Sir John Stuart saw the main body of the French advancing, halted his troops, and gave the order to take off all but fighting kit. The troops formed in line, were ordered to advance. Presently fire was opened by both sides. The French were ordered to charge: and the British continued their advance.

The French had been accustomed to win their victories against the Continental soldiers with the bayonet, the latter being ill-trained in the use of that weapon, and they expected to paralyze and destroy the British right wing in their first attack. They were astounded to see the British on the move to meet them with determination to meet steel with steel. The susceptible imaginations of the French were touched and their line of columns slackened its pace, irresolution showed itself, a roar rose from the British, bayonet rang on bayonet, ascendancy was gained by the disciplined and fierce assumption of superiority in the fight. The French formation crumbled, broke into fragments, and the survivors ran back.

The British centre under Acland went forward steadily, firing volleys at intervals, and prepared the way for a bayonet charge, which was as brilliantly successful as that of the right wing. Colonel McLeod, commanding the Seaforth Highlanders, was struck in the chest by a musket ball, but called to a serjeant near by the help to support him in the saddle and led his Battalion in the charge.

On the left, the fighting was more equal, and with a little advantage to the French. Regnier determined to press this, and ordered up his cavalry reserve of 300 dragoons to charge. By happy chance and by virtue of good march discipline and by wasting no time, the Lancashire Fusiliers reached the British left just as the French Cavalry were observed to be forming for their attack.

Showing perfect training, the Battalion was manœuvred into position. A disciplined and accurate fire was opened, and the Dragoons were driven off before they could use lance or sword.

Then Colonel Ross wheeled the Battalion quickly to the right and caught the French Infantry on the flank with a shattering fire at close range.

Regnier surprised, could not maintain his attack and gave way.

Russell, the Subaltern of the Light Company of the Lancashire Fusiliers, having re-organised his men, followed up the enemy and kept touch. But Sir John Stuart made the mistake of not pursuing in force.

After reaching Borgia, Russell, finding himself unsupported, retired. It is presumed that the British Reserve was not equal to the task of taking up the pursuit.

The Battle cost the French 3,000 men in killed, wounded, and prisoners. The British lost only 300. Given determined and skilful leading, the steady, fierce, hard, and close fighting by the British soldiers was given its full effect to win the most brilliant victory against almost double numbers of veteran troops, and with a minimum of loss.

It broke the spell of invincibility that so long had been attached to Napoleon's armies; and the effect was all the greater, as, just at this time, no fighting was going on elsewhere.

The spirit of Maida inspired Wellington's men in the Peninsular: and at home both Houses of Parliament voted their thanks to the men who had fought and won.

For years, all ranks celebrated the anniversary of the action, and used decorations of myrtle, being allowed to wear springs in their caps; in the remembrance of the Plain of Maida, which was covered with myrtle bushes.

H. M. FARMAR.

11-4-29.

The King's Birthday.

THE celebration of the birthday of His Majesty The King took place at North Front, Gibraltar, on Monday 3rd June.

The programme consisted of a review of the Garrison by His Excellency Sir Alexander Godley, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by His Excellency The Governor of Algeciras. The "Troop" and

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march past in slow time by the Battalion, and finally the whole garrison and ships companies from H.M.S. *Devonshire* and H.M.S. *Sussex* marched past in column of fours.

Detail of the Troop.

Major E. J. B. Tagg, D.S.O., O.B.E.... Commanding Officer.
Captain R. MacL'Armitage ... ... Adjutant.

No. 1 Guard. Escort to the Colour. "D" Company.

Officer in Command ...	Major R. F. H. Massey-Westropp, M.C.
Subaltern of the Escort ...	Lieut. E. A. Gordon.
Carrying the Colour ...	2nd Lieut. C. G. Bowen.
Warrant Officer	C.S.M. A. E. Miner, M.M.
Regimental Serjeant Major	R.S.M. J. J. Maguire.

No. 2 Guard. "A" Company.

Officer in Command ...	Captain G. F. Page, D.S.O.
Subaltern	Lieut. J. J. M. Kenrick.
	Lieut. A. G. Ames.
Warrant Officer	C.S.M. B. Jeanes.

No. 3 Guard. "B" Company.

Officer in Command ...	Captain G. C. Martin, M.C.
Subaltern	Lieut. L. O. Lyne.
	Lieut. G. B. King.
Warrant Officer	C.S.M. F. Capon, D.C.M.

No. 4. Guard. "C" (M.G.) Company.

Officer in Command ...	Captain G. Surtees, M.C.
Subaltern	Lieut. W. H. Lees.
	Lieut. R. S. Leamy.
Warrant Officer	C.S.M. T. Cusack.

The band under the direction of the Bandmaster, Mr. E Norton Miles.

The drums under the direction of Drum-Major L. V. Cusse.

Serjeants' Mess Letter.

HERE we are again settled in our new station.

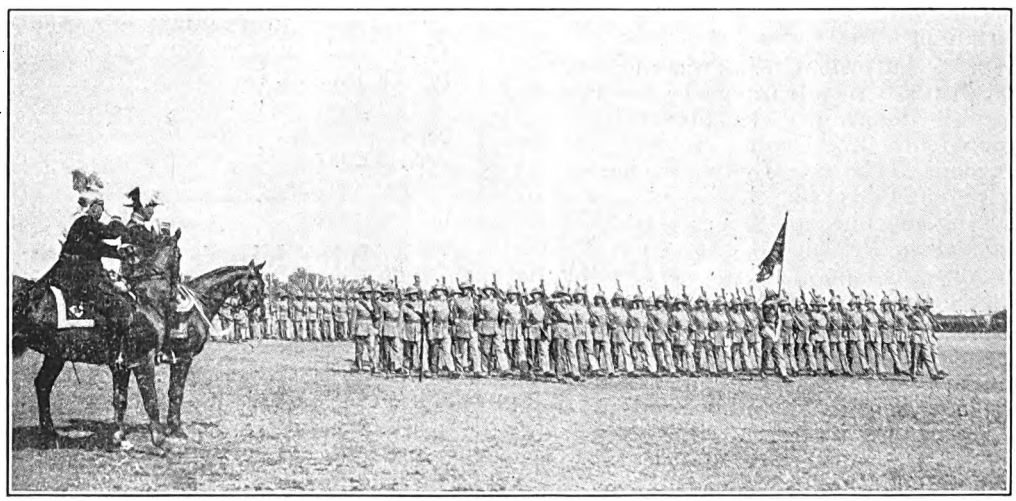
How we seem to float round keeping up the old tradition of "The Floating Division." I am sure that all members of the Mess are delighted with Gibraltar, especially North Front. (Loud groans from South). Old Bill has let us all down again as we were looking forward to a real good "Do" with Bill favourite for the Matrimonial Stakes. If he does not get a move on I can see the new Solicitor General being busy in the Breach Courts.

We just managed to complete the Doubles' Finals before leaving Moascar. This resulted in a comfortable win for R.Q.M.S. Shipwright and C/Sjt. Day.

What a wonderful send off we had from Moascar! Practically the whole of the Garrison turned out to say *Bon Voyage* and I am sure that we all appreciated their good wishes.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of our late Band Sjt. Balme. It was a great shock to all members of the Mess.

We have had a fairly hectic time since



H.M. The King's Birthday, Gibraltar, 1929.

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arriving at Gibraltar. Trooping the Colour for the King's Birthday and now preparing for Minden Day.

At Cricket we have played the P.Os. of H.M.S. *Cormorant* and thanks to our old Veteran we managed to record a victory. What a delight it was to watch the old man batting in his real old style.

We extend a hearty welcome to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Harvey, Sjt. and Mrs. Ramsden, Sjt. Morris, Mrs. Day, Mrs. McEvoy, Mrs. Crossley and hope that they will settle down and enjoy their stay with us.

Congratulations to L/Sjt. James on his promotion.

To Dr. Major and Mrs. Cusse we extend our best wishes for Civil life and trust they will soon settle down and have a very successful time.

All were sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Shipwright and Mrs. McEvoy and trust for a speedy return to health.

We wish everyone could have seen the "Well Done" strutting about the decks of H.M.S. *Devonshire* (Shades of Nevasa.)

We are all getting quite nautical and the way things are progressing it would not be surprising to see a few impending transfers to the Marines.

We offer our congratulations to L/Sjt. Gould on the interesting event chronicled in another column of the *Gazette*.

In conclusion we should like to congratulate the members on their Sailor-like quality during the voyage from Egypt.

Fancy six days on the water and not a single case of *Mal-de-Mer*. Again (Shades of Nevasa.)

Corporals' Mess Letter.

NORTH FRONT DETACHMENT.

OWING to the division of the Battalion during our stay in Gibraltar, we have now two separate Messes.

At present this arrangement is not so bad and a great spirit of rivalry is in the air. Various handicaps are taking place, Billiards, Ping Pong, Cam and Rummy. Even the Civil Police have been challenged to play Pontoon.

Very enjoyable evenings are being spent in this way and Melburn Newman and Reece Smith will be pleased to hear that many heretofore unknown shots have now become common.

Believe us, Billiards has now been brought to a fine art.

We have "German" shots, "Dark" shots and the White is always "Tracking" after the Red.

On entering the door one is greeted with such remarks as, "What's your handicap?", "How many will you give me?" or "I'll shake you at Cam".

Our team is open for engagements anywhere and we have instituted a series of "At Homes" with our confreres of South Barracks.

A special application is being made to the N.A.A.F.I. for Lager Beer to be held in stock.

Up to date we have held two Billiard Handicaps which were won by L/Cpls. Clancy and Bleasdale.

These were carried out in great style, the finalists in each being L/Cpl. Clancy and Cpl. Langan and L/Cpls. Bleasdale and Charles.

A "Royal" printer kindly provided the posters for advertisement and we shall do our best to find more work for him in the future.

A match between "A" and "B" teams resulted in a win for the former but "B" team say that revenge is sweet so we shall have to wait and see.

A request is made that the members of the Mess will ask our "Royal" printer to moderate his expenditure as the barman is not used to dealing in such large quantities.

Ere we conclude we should like to know the reason for the Billiards Account Book being made out for periods of twenty minutes. Perhaps our marker will oblige?

Our congratulations to L/Sjt. James on his promotion. Our loss is the Sjts. gain.

Herewith and forever we state that North Front has the finest all round team in the

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Neutral Territory and we extend a hearty welcome to any of our friends who care to visit us.

We express our sympathy with Cpl. Powell and L/Cpl. Wright, who are now in hospital, and wish them a speedy recovery.

HOCH. HOCH. ABE.

Signals Letter.

After numerous leave takings of our friends in Egypt, the King's Regt. Ghattis, the Melon Man, etc., and a slight renewal of our acquaintance once more with the 19th Foot, we have, after a very pleasant voyage arrived on the rock which is not very strange considering that most of us have been virtually on the rocks since enlistment.

Having established ourselves in our new surroundings, we at once commenced training "a la rosia".

The next preliminary was to beg, borrow or steal the Q.Ms. handcart in order to visit the *Ormonde* for the purpose of conveying back to barracks one large "D" from Catterick, and we now heartily hope to do the same for our next candidate (O.R.) whose aspirations may not incline to the "D" but his toes certainly aspire skywards.

Our worthy chief has proceeded to U.K. for a period of rest and we heartily welcome our former chief of "Khyber Pass" fame in taking over the reins of office and trust he will still use his 99.78% wand of office.

At present we are in the midst of Minden Parades, and Signal Training at North Front. This move was deemed necessary because the attractions of Flags, etc., certainly did not equal those of flappers of the Rosia Road.

Since visiting the Bull Fights the troops have dyed their flags red and a couple of "D" Company's shirts will complete their toreadors outfit.

Canaries and swimming certainly makes the life of "La Soldodo mucho fasilmente". The only drawback being that one of our aviary wallahs turned up on Minden Parade with a canary in his flash having left the hackle in the cage. He was promptly given the bird.

The section sincerely hope that the efforts of Lieut. Ames as a flag wagger will be highly successful.

"Hep" will tell you all about him.

Last but not least our heartiest congrats to L/Cpls. Abbott, Anderson, Cliff and McDonald, on the occasion of their appointments.

The Colonel is back once more and all the section offer their sincere congratulations on the success of his operation.

"K. O."

BAND LETTER.

The first day we arrived in Gibraltar, an East Surrey Corporal passed the remark that the Band were the only people who could save their pay because they never had an opportunity to spend it, owing to duties, etc. As we have (generally speaking) found this correct, I hope that you will accept the same as the explanation for this letter being late. Being late however permits me to publish later on in this epistle, the result of the great "Nevasa Shield" struggle.

Before going on to the ordinary details of life in the Band, I wish to place on record in this journal the very great sorrow that came over all ranks of the Band when the news of the death of ex-Band Sjt. Balme became known and to express our most heartfelt sympathy with his sister in her bereavement.

The "Nevasa Shield" has been won this year (the first since its presentation to the Band) by the Brass Section of our community. The most outstanding games in the series that count in the competition were the cricket and water polo matches.

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Both these games were generally thought of as easy things for the Reed Section, but the actual results proved quite to the contrary and brought home most forcefully the truth of the old saying "Never count your chickens, etc." The Cricket match was a game of surprises all through. The B.M. was caught for a duck with the third ball of the match and the Brass needed 28 to win when the tea gong sounded with the last pair batting, but they returned after tea like lions refreshed to win the match by 41 runs. Bravo the Brass! You well deserve to win the shield, but the Reed intend to have it next year, so keep your shoulders to the wheel

We are commencing a snap album in the Band so if any reader has a snap that includes the Band or members thereof and they feel generous enough to present it to us, would they kindly post or deliver same to L/C Waters (our most exalted custodian of the aforesaid book) please.

We have had news that ex-Bandsman Hipperson (Hippe) has secured a situation as Athletic Trainer to a Girls Sports Club. His favourite song used to be "Put me among the Girls" when he condescended to live with us, but we never imagined he would live up to it in Civil Life. We also hear this same little bit of news is causing palpitations amongst members of the present Regimental Athletic Team, Banks and Doughy in particular.

We congratulate L/C Hewitt on his promotion to Dm. Major, and Cpl. Halligan. L/Cpls. Francis and Waters and Bds. Hobson on their various appointments and wish them every success.

Cpl. Heap has left the Band for duty with "B" Company and we wish him also every success in his new sphere of life.

Minden Greetings to all.

Flat Pitch, (Very).

P.S.—Can anyone inform me of the exact meaning of the word "Tracker". A word of daily use among the Bandsmen since our arrival in Gib.

Drums Letter.

OUR Drum Major has followed the time honoured custom adopted by all old soldiers and faded gracefully away.

Previous to his departure the Drums presented him with a breakfast set as a token of the esteem in which he has been held during his short sojourn as "Drummie." Personally, I was dead set against a present of that description. Having been in civil life myself, I can quite appreciate his feelings when he rises in the mornings, sees the breakfast set and nothing to put in it. Adding insult to injury I call it.

We are getting quite settled in our new station, and many of our clan have become ardent followers of Isaac Walton. Perhaps the enthusiasm of one was rather damped the other week when he hired a boat, bought three loaves of bread and a quarter of a pound of cheese, to mix into dough for bait, and then went fishing for Bream. I don't know how many he caught, but if one mentions line fishing his blushes are painful to behold. Also his relations with people who accompanied him in the attack on those innocent fishes, are not a little strained. He insists that if they had not been so noisy, his catch would have been larger, and they retorted that "if their offer to dive in and fasten some fishes on his hooks, had not been rejected he might have caught some."

Now that the old order has changed and our new boss welcomed to the fold, we shall settle down once again and strive to learn those mystic signs represented by Crotchets and Quavers and so qualify to enter the Academy of Music,—even if only as a mess orderly, or boot boy.

Our congratulations due to L/Cpl. Williams who won the high jump in the sports held here recently, with the jump of five feet, one inch.

There were no entries against "Mac" and so he had a W.O. in the half inch race (to the Wembly Tavern).

Three of our buglers have arrived at Bury on a tour of duty. Two of them are married and so I can safely say have passed into safe keeping. The other is still single but one cannot be too careful these days.

CHARMER.

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"A" Company's Letter.

OUR last literary efforts in the *Gallipoli Gazette* took us up to our last fourteen days in Egypt. During this period the Battalion wound up its tour with a splendid win at Cairo in the Command Athletics. We had several representatives in the team and we should like to congratulate them and the whole team on their magnificent performance

On the 2nd May we embarked on H.M.T. *Neuralia*. We had a very peaceful and uneventful voyage and arrived safely at Gibraltar on May 10th. We are now settled down at North Front. It is of course unfortunate that the Battalion has to be divided but we think that we have decidedly the best of the bargain at North Front.

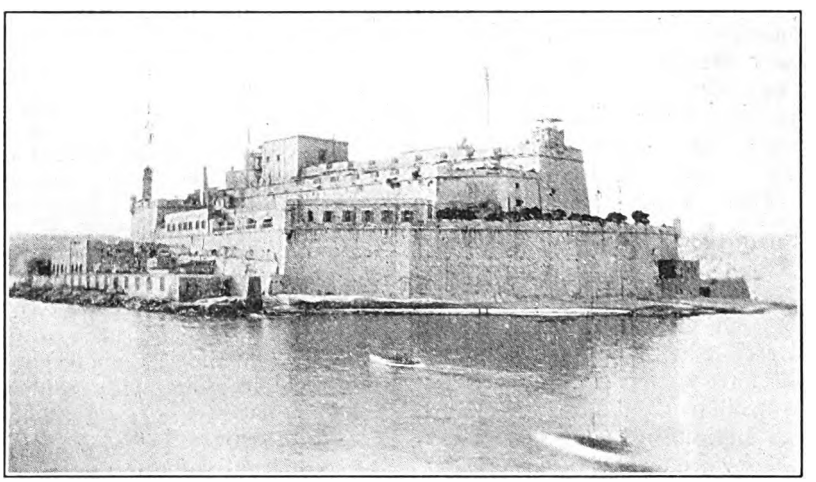
The sports ground and ranges are all good and right at our door.

Soon after our arrival Captain Oxenford, Sjt. Morris and sixteen Fusiliers joined us from the Depot. We offer them a hearty welcome to the Company and hope they will like Gibraltar. Captain Franks has left us for the Depot. All ranks are sorry to lose him and wish him a successful tour.

We have just concluded our Annual Weapon Training Course. The Company average has increased and Third Class Shots have decreased which is all as it should be.

The cricket League has started. We have a good team and should do well, but we made a disastrous start against "M.G." Company. No one did himself justice and we got a severe hiding. We hope, however, that we have learned the useful lesson of never being over confident and underrating our opponents.

Aquatic Sports are going strong. We have several enthusiastic oarsmen and we hope they will perform successfully in the inter-Company League.



H.M.S. EGMONT, MALTA.

As we expected the Battalion Athletic Team ran away with the Gibraltar Command Athletic Meeting. It was a creditable performance, but the opposition was undoubtedly weak, and developed into a keen competition between the Gunners and Sappers for second place.

By the time these notes are in print we shall be at Sonth Barracks, having changed places with Don Company, much to our sorrow.

Sjt. Maxwell has left us to become a "Gunner," we wish him the best of luck in his new Company.

Sjt McEvoy is leaving the Company for

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a tour with the 5th Battalion, a post we are sure he will fill with conspicuous success, all ranks of the Company wish him and Mrs. McEvoy the very best of luck in the future.

A. N.

"B" Company's Letter.

OUR arrival in Gibraltar is now an accomplished fact, and our station at North Front is a great improvement on Moascar.

We are sharing the duties of the Detachment with "A" Company and although everyone has to do a great deal more than in the past, we are having a good time.

At the time of writing "Ack Battery" are praying to the great god "Bull" and are hoping to wrest from us the "Shooting Shield." While wishing them luck, we expect to avert such a calamity.

As there are no manœuvres here we are looking forward to a very pleasant time before we leave.

The Sports teams are holding their own and will give a very good game to any who care to take us on.

We have played and won three Cricket matches (but remembering our letter of last year will refrain from expressing our thoughts).

Rowing and Water Polo are now being added to our accomplishments and we shall endeavour to leave a good impression with all our opponents.

The Depot staff has been strengthened by some very good N.C.O.'s and men from this Company. They shed no tears at parting.

We congratulate the Athletic team on the fine display they gave at the sports here and hope to see more in the future.

We extend a hearty welcome to Sjt. and Mrs. Ramsden, and our share of the Draft from the Depot, to Cpls. Heap and Bentley who have joined us for a tour of duty and to Mrs. Crossley on her arrival in the Quarters.

We express the hope that Mr. Christie and Cpl. Hartley will do very well on their course and wish them *Bon Voyage* for their return from England.

Sjt. Gould, who remained in Moascar because of an interesting event to be recorded in the column devoted to new arrivals, is expecting to rejoin us at any time. He is badly missed by the Cricket team, although Cpl. Cuffe is doing his best to fill the gap.

It is pleasing to know that Mr. Lyne's illness did not prove as serious as was at first expected.

To Mr. Sandilands, Cpl. Powell, L/Cpl. Wright and Fus. Houghagan, now in hospital, we send our goodwill and hope that they will soon be with us once more.

Our stay in Egypt was marred by the death of one of our comrades and we take this opportunity of expressing the deepest sympathy with the relatives and friends of the late Fus. Nicholson.

Many and varied are the rumours one hears but we desire to state that as our "Quarter Bloke" has not yet joined the "Benedicts" we are in in very sound financial position and War Saving Certificates are in great demand.

"BEER-KO."

"C" (M.G.) Company's Letter.

ALTHOUGH armed with a brand new Typewriter the Gunners still find it difficult to present the happenings of the last quarter in time to catch the *Gazette* before it goes to press.

Major Massey Westropp has rejoined us from Netheravon; we all congratulate him on the result of his course. C.Q.M.S. Harvey and his wife have arrived. We greet him as an old friend and hope he will settle down and enjoy his association with the Gunners.

C.S.M. Campbell has gone to H.Q. Wing and we take this opportunity of congratulating H.Q. Wing, and expressing our thanks for the work Campbell has done while with the Gunners. Captain H. M Dodson is at Netheravon and will not be back again until the latter part of the year. We hope he will enjoy the course and his leave.

Sjt. Whitcher has left the Gunners and has turned from the open Range to the Cooking

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Range! It should be worth while inspecting his "Duff" to see what sort of Cone he makes with the currants.

Our new arrivals have settled down and are showing considerable promise. Lieut. Leamy has been in hospital but has rejoined us and we trust is fully recovered. Cricket is now in full swing and we are hoping to do better than in the past.

Swimming and Rowing are comparatively new sports, everyone is keen, and Sjt. Maxwell who has been posted to us should prove very useful as a coach.

"D" Company carried off the Lawrence Cup again. We offer them our congratulations and hope to make them work harder for it this coming year. There is not a great deal of news to record for this issue but we hope the next letter will be more interesting.

"GUNS."

"D" Company's Letter.

HERE is our July letter which finds us far away from the scene of our last, having moved from Moascar to Gibraltar.

Our voyage on the *Neuralia* was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks of the company, the sea being delightfully calm, the food good, and the officers and crew very helpful.

Every member of the company seemed pleased at leaving Moascar, and our own bad bargain "Donco," was presented to the soldiers home as a farewell present.

The barracks and town here are more pleasant than the sandy wastes of Moascar and district, although we realise that there are very many worse stations than our late desert home.

We all made friends with Peter Brown and Jack, and enjoyed the hare supplied for dinner one day. (Sea rabbits, no legs).

Captain Winterbottom has left us to command "H.Q." Wing. We shall miss him very much at cricket and hockey, but are compensated in other ways for our new commander Captain Surtees shines in swimming and rowing. We offer our very sincere welcome to Captain and Mrs. Surtees.

As swimming and water polo are new Lawrence Cup events other companies beware. Our company team under the care of Sjt. Hart is progressing well and if enthusiasm counts we should do extremely well as Sjt. Hart is quite expert at teaching and coaching.

Cricket is in full swing under the able tuition of C. Blythe (not Colin) and Sjt. Whitworth.

A number of the company visited H.M.S. *Sussex*, and had a really interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

On June the 3rd His Majesty the King's Birthday, Parade was held on the racecourse and we had the honour of again being selected as "Escort to the Colour."

Sixteen of the last draft are posted to the company and we are sure that they will enjoy their life in Don Company when they settle down.

Our old quarterbloke, C.Q.M.S. Betts and family, have left us for a tour at the Depot. We wish them the very best of luck in their new sphere.

C.Q.M.S. Challenor has been posted to us from duty with the 5th Battalion T.A. We offer a hearty welcome to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Challenor, and are looking for fresh laurels in the Bisley line from our old friend of Beer Troop.

Fusilier Murphy and family and L/Cpl. Beckett have also been posted to the Depot, and we hope they enjoy their stay there.

All ranks congratulate the Athletic Team on their success in winning the Egyptian Command Athletic Championship for the second year, and also the Gibraltar Command Championships.

To the sportsmen of the battalion we offer our congratulations on winning the "All Round Sporting Championship of Egypt."

We are pleased to hear that the Commanding Officer has had a successful operation and has recovered from it, and by the time these notes are in print we hope to see him back at the helm.

All ranks of the company were very sorry to hear of the deaths of Sjt. Balme, our old C.Q.M.S., and Fusilier Nicholson of "B" Company. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to their relatives.

DONCO.

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Weapon Training Notes

As announced in our last number a new system for alloting prize money, and the re-organization of the Battalion Rifle Club was proposed.

The Commanding Officer has returned from sick leave and is considering the proposals.

Weekly Rifle Meetings have been instituted and are a great success.

The results of the first three are as follows :—

1st Weekly Rifle Meeting held at North Front Gibraltar 28/6/29.

	£	s.	d.
POOL BULL:—Amount taken	2	6	6
20% to Rifle Club ...		9	3
Fus. Ateyo. "B" Coy..		18	7½
Fus. Gordon. "A" Coy.		18	7½

MATCH 1.—300 yds. 5 Rds. Slow. Scoring 5, 4, 3, 2. Bull 9 in Inner 18 in. Magpie 30 in. Outer 48 in.

CLASS "A".

				£	s.	d.
Cpl. Heap ...	...	"B" Coy.	22		10	0
Sjt. Crossley	...	"B" Coy.	21		8	6
C.Q.M.S. Williams		"B" Coy.	21		8	6
Sjt. Hart ...	...	"D" Coy.	20		6	0
Sjt. Brennan	...	"HQ" Wing.	20		6	0
Cpl. McDermott	...	"A" Coy.	20		6	0
Lieut. Laverick	...		19		3	0
C.S.M. Jeanes	...	"A" Coy.	19		3	0
C.S.M. Capon	...	"B" Coy.	19		3	0
			Total	£ 2	14	0

CLASS "B".

				£	s.	d.
Fus. Barker	...	"B" Coy.	21		9	6
Fus. Butterworth	...	"B" Coy.	21		9	6
Fus. Graveson	...	"B" Coy.	20		7	6
Fus. Artus...	...	"B" Coy.	20		7	6
Fus. Ateyo...	...	"B" Coy.	19		3	9
L/C Huish...	...	"B" Coy.	19		3	9
Fus. Henshaw	...	"A" Coy.	19		3	9
Fus. Stansfield	...	"A" Coy.	19		3	9
L/C Bedwell	...	"B" Coy.	19		3	9
Fus. Didson	...	"A" Coy.	19		3	9
Fus. Mitton	...	"B" Coy.	18		2	3
Fus. Ince ...	...	"B" Coy.	18		2	3
			Total	£ 3	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Amount taken	3	15	0
From P.R.I.	2	0	0
Total	£ 5	15	0

2nd Weekly Rifle Meeting held at North Front on 6/7/29.

	£	s.	d.
POOL BULL:—Amount taken ...	3	2	2
20% to Rifle Club ...		12	6
Dmr. Fletcher ...	2	9	8
Total	£ 3	2	2

MATCH 2.—300 yds. 5 Rds. Rapid. Scoring and dimensions as for Match 1.

CLASS "A".

				£	s.	d.
C.S.M. Capon	...	"B" Coy.	21		10	0
Cpl. Long ...	...	"D" Coy.	20		9	0
Sjt. Lloyd ...	...	"HQ" Wing.	19		8	0
Cpl. Heap ...	...	"B" Coy.	17		4	4
Sjt. James ...	...	"B" Coy.	17		4	4
Cpl. Blythe	...	"D" Coy.	17		4	4
			Total	£ 2	0	0

CLASS "B".

				£	s.	d.
Fus. Ateyo...	...	"B" Coy.	20		10	3
Fus. Butterworth...		"B" Coy.	19		7	6
L/C Myeroft	...	"B" Coy.	19		7	6
Fus. Meehan	...	"B" Coy.	17		5	0
Fus. Jones, 77	...	"B" Coy.	17		5	0
Fus. Dalkin	...	"B" Coy.	17		5	0
Fus. Bentham	...	"B" Coy.	16		4	0
Fus. Barker	...	"B" Coy.	15		2	9
L/C Lord ...	...	"D" Coy.	15		2	9
L/C Bond ...	...	"B" Coy.	15		2	9
Fus. Stirrup	...	"B" Coy.	15		2	9
Fus. Whaite	...	"B" Coy.	15		2	9
			Total	£ 2	18	0

	£	s.	d.
Amount taken	2	18	0
From P.R.I.	2	0	0
Total	£ 4	18	0

3rd Rifle Meeting held at North Front on 19/7/29.

Fire and Movement 500 yds. to 300 yds. Team event 8 of any rank under 3 years service. This was intended to help platoons to discover their good shots. Owing to a misunderstanding "A" Company sent down a Company Team. As this was considered to be unfair the prize money

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was divided into six instead of three prizes, as was originally intended, The prize winners were :—

				£	s.	d.
1st.	"A" Company Team	Score	112	1	2	6
2nd.	5 Pln. "B" Company	,,	87	1	0	0
3rd.	16 ,, "D" Coy.	,,	82		17	6
4th.	15 ,, "D" Coy.	,,	80		14	0
5th.	7 ,, "B" Coy.	,,	73		11	0
6th.	8 ,, "B" Coy.	,,	67		5	0
		Total		£ 4	10	0

Ten teams competed.

The results of Table "A" Parts 5, 6, 7, fired by the last draft resulted in Fus. Arnold "B" Company winning the Commanding Officer's Prize for the highest individual score with the Rifle and L.A.

Rifle 87. L.A. 144. Total 231.

The average scores of squads in order of merit were :—

1.	Cpl. Barker's Squad	"B" Coy.	191.14
	(Winner of C.Os. prize for best squad.)		
2.	Sjt. Morris's Squad	"A" Coy.	177.7
3.	Cpl. Keane's Squad	"D" Coy.	159.75
4.	Sjt. McAvoy's Squad	"A" Coy.	156.57
5.	Sjt. Crossley's Squad	"B" Coy.	152.66
6.	Sjt. Whitworth's Squad	"D" Coy.	141.42

AQUATIC SPORTS.

The Battalion Aquatic Sports Committee consists of :—

Captain G. Surtees, M.C.

Lieut. A. G. Ames.

2/Lieut. S R. Garratt.

Two representatives per Company and "H.Q." wing, viz. :—

"H.Q." Wing.—Sjt. Collings, and L/C. Humphreys.

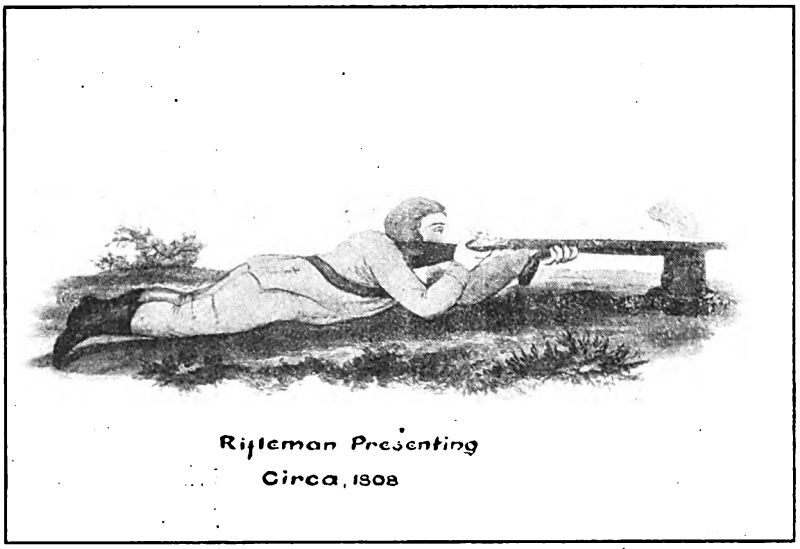
"A" Coy.—Cpl. Pope, and L/C. Melchor.

"B" Coy.—Sjt. Ramsden and L/C. Higson.

"C" Coy.—Sjt. Starling and Sjt. Maxwell.

"D" Coy.—Sjt. Hart and L/C. Bowers.

This Committee met on the 9th June, and as a result of the arrangements then made, Aquatic Sports are now in full swing, and the Battalion is taking every advantage of the unique facilities afforded in Gibraltar.



Rifleman Presenting
Circa, 1808

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Rowing. The policy is to induce as many men as possible to learn to row, and to handle boats, rather than to concentrate on training a few crews to win Garrison events. At the same time it is hoped that later in the season the Battalion will hold its own with other units in the station.

The result of this policy is that at the time of writing all companies have two crews regularly on the water, and the racing gigs are being used to their full capacity.

At first instructors were trained by Capt. Surtees, assisted by Mr. Ames, and Mr. Garratt. Later the training was de-centralised, Mr. Ames being responsible for "A" and "B" Companies, Mr. Garratt for "H.Q." Wing, and Captain Surtees for "C" (M.G.) and "D" Companies. After a short while further de-centralization was possible, and companies then ran their own crews entirely.

All companies (except "H.Q." Wing,) entered crews for the "Challenge Oar," and acquitted themselves well. "A" Company beat "C" (M.G.) Company comfortably, to be defeated by 29th Heavy Battery R.A., while "B" and "D" Companies were both beaten in turn by 4th Heavy Battery R.A. In spite of these defeats there is considerable satisfaction to be derived from the fact that after only a fortnight's training the Battalion was able to produce four crews, all of whom completed the course with credit, and gave their experienced opponents good races.

For the "July Oar," which starts on Friday the 12th July each Company has entered two crews, and considerable improvement on the form exhibited in the "Challenge Oar" is confidently anticipated.

The remaining Garrison events are as follows:—

"August Oar."—Starting Friday 16th August, for crews of Officers, W.O.'s, and N.C.O.'s, not below the rank of L/Serjeant.

"Infantry Cup."—Probably middle of September, for infantry companies, and therefore entirely a Battalion event.

"Inter-Regimental Cup."—To be held in September, for unit crews.

Water-Polo Similarly water-polo is going very well, several friendly inter-company matches having taken place A water-polo ball provided by the Battalion is kept at the Rowing Club, and the goals belonging to the R.E. and H.M.S. *Cormorant* have very kindly been placed at our disposal whenever required. A set of water-polo goals was made by our pioneers for the Garrison sometime ago, and should soon be in position.

A friendly inter-company knock-out has been arranged for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 4th to 6th, with the object of selecting likely players for the Battalion team.

The inter-company competition proper will start about the middle of August, and will be completed by the end of that month.

In addition there are the following Garrison events for which the dates at the time of writing are not yet fixed:—

Command Inter-Company Water-Polo Competition.

Command Inter-Regimental Water-Polo Competition.

The former is a "knock-out" competition, and the latter is carried out on the "League" System.

Swimming. Nothing has yet been done regarding swimming and diving, efforts having been concentrated on getting going the water-polo.

The Battalion meeting will probably take place about the last week in August, and there is also a Command meeting lasting three days which will probably be held towards the end of September.

Lawrence Cup and Colours. It has been decided that points shall be awarded and count in the Lawrence Cup Competition as under:—

Swimming.—As for athletics.

Water-polo.—As for cricket *i.e.*, 2 teams per company, and 2 teams from each of "H.Q." Wing 1 and 3 Groups, and 2 and 4 Groups.

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The question of points being awarded for rowing has been left open.

Battalion colours are, however, being awarded for rowing as well as for swimming and water-polo.

Life-Saving. By the time this article appears in print it is hoped that each company and the "H.Q." Wing will have passed through a class for the various awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society.

The awards first to be obtained are the "Elementary" and "Proficiency" Certificates and the "Bronze Medallion."

"H.Q." Wing, "C" (M.G.), and "D" companies have sufficient qualified instructors to run their own classes, and are in the initial instant assisting "A" and "B" companies who have none.

Good swimmers should have no difficulty in securing the Proficiency Certificate and the Bronze Medallion after about a fortnight's instruction, while those who can swim a hundred yards breast stroke and fifty yards on the back should also be able to pass these examinations with a little further instruction.

All instructors should easily qualify for "Teacher's" Certificates, and many for the "Honorary Instructor's" Certificates.

All holders of the Proficiency Certificate and higher awards are entitled to the badge of the Royal Life-Saving Society, which can be worn on the swimming costume (woven in silk), or on the cap or coat (in enamel).

The Society's "Handbook of Instruction" (Price 1/-) gives full details of all matters connected with life-saving.

The advantages of learning life-saving methods and of gaining the Society's awards need no emphasis, especially when it is remembered that the latter can be obtained with very little trouble by moderate swimmers, and that the opportunities afforded in Gibraltar are not likely to recur during most men's service.

G. S.

EGYPTIAN SPORTS
from 15th February 1928 to 2nd May 1929.

TABULATED RESULTS.

ATHLETICS.

1-4-28. N.S.C. Sports Cairo.

Long Jump.	1st, Cpl. Long.
1,500 Metres.	1st, Bdr. Hipperson; 2nd, L/c. Ward; 3rd, Cpl. Kean.
400 Metres.	1st, C/Sjt. Day.
1,600 Metres, Relay.	1st, 1st Lan. Fus. (Team).

4-4-28. The Green Howards Annual Sports, Moascar.

1 Mile Relay.	1st, 1st Lan. Fus. 3rd, 1st Lan. Fus.

11-4-28. No. 4 F.T.S. Sports, Abu Sueir.

1 Mile.	1st, 1st Lan. Fus.
1 Mile (Open).	1st Bdn. Hipperson; 2nd, C/Sjt. Day; 3rd, L/c. Ward; 4th, Cpl. Keane; 6th. Fus. James.

19-4-28. Somerset Light Infantry Sports, Cairo.

880 Open.	1st, Cpl. Ward; 3rd, Bdn. Hipperson.

26-4-28. R.A.F. Championship, Cairo.

1 Mile (Open).	2nd, Cpl. Keane; 3rd, Fus. James.

28-4-28. Egypt Command Individual Championship.

100 yards.	2nd, Cpl. Long.
440 „	1st, C/Sjt. Day; 3rd, Cpl. Ward.
1 Mile.	2nd, C/Sjt. Day; 3rd, Bdn. Hipperson.
3 Miles.	2nd, Bdn. Hipperson.
High Jump.	1st, Capt. Hawkins (5 ft. 3 ins.)
Long Jump.	1st. Cpl. Long; 3rd, Fus. O'Neale.

Egyptian Command Inter-Unit Championship, 1928.

Winners.—1st Bn. Lan. Fus. 48 points out of possible 50.

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5-5-28. Y.M.C.A. Sports, Cairo.

Long Jump	1st, Cpl. Long. (20 ft. 8 ins.)
Javelin.	1st. Cpl. Long (136 ft.)
1 Mile (Open.)	1st, C/Sjt. Day.
880 yards.	2nd, L/c. Melchoir.
1 Mile Relay.	1st, 1st Lan. Fus.

Lotfalla Cup for best all-round Athelete won by Cpl. Long.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

24-12-28. Inter-Unit Command Championship.

1st, R.C.O.S. (Egypt.)
2nd, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers.

EGYPTIAN COMMAND TEAM ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING 1929.

The Command Athletic Sports Meeting was concluded at the Slade Ground yesterday afternoon, when a large crowd gathered for the finals of the team events, three of which had been decided on Friday afternoon. T.E. the High Commissioner and Lady Lloyd arrived at 3·30 p.m. and were keenly interested until the end when Lady Lloyd graciously presented the Cups and medals to the Winners. Lt.-General Sir E. Peter Strickland and the Officers of H.Q. B.T.E., were at home. The combined bands of the Royal Dragoons, 10th Hussars and Gloucestershire Regiment rendered at entertaining programme of Music.

The Lancashire Fusiliers who were first in five events won the Athletic Shield with a total of 41 points, followed by Durham Light Infantry 29, Royal Corps of Signals 22, 1st Light Brigade R.A., 14, Royal Tank Corps 12, Gloucesters 11, South Wales Borderers and Royal Army Ordnance Corps 7.

The Fusiliers who leave Egypt next month, also won the Army Sports Championship Challenge Cup with 89 points, the only branches they failed to shine in being Lawn Tennis and Swimming. Then came the Durham Light Infantry 75; 1st Light Brigade R.A. 66; Royal Corps of Signals 65; Green Howards 52; 12th Lancers 51; R.H.A. 39½; R.A.S.C. 39; South Wales Borderers 38½; Gloucesters 38; Royal Dragoons 29; R.A.M.C. 26; R.A.O.C. 24; Royal Engineers 24; Royal Tank Corps 22; King's Regiment 21; M.P. 0.

Detailed results were as follows:—

100 Yards.

1st: Lancashire Fusiliers (Mr. Bowen, Cpl. Long, Bdsm. Coombes, Fus. Bailey.
2nd: Royal Tank Corps.
3rd: Durham Light Infantry.
4th: Royal Corps of Signals.
5th: R.A.O.C.

220 Yards.

1st: Lancashire Fusiliers. (Cpl. Long, Bdsm. Baker, L/Cpl. Melchoir, Sjt. Day.)
2nd: Durham Light Infantry.
3rd: Royal Tank Corps.
4th: Royal Signals.
5th: Royal Dragoons.
(Total Time, 1 min. 37 sec.)

440 Yards.

1st: Gloucesters (L/Cpl. Potter, Mr. Firth, Mr. Bewell and Mr. Collins).
2nd: Lancashire Fusiliers.
3rd: D.L.I.
4th: Royal Signals.
5th: 1st Light Bde.
Total Time, 3 min. 33 ⅘ secs.

880 Yards.

1st: Lancashire Fusiliers. (L/Cpl. Melchoir, Mr. Lyne, L/Cpl. Stell and C/Sjt. Day).
2nd: D.L.I
3rd: R.A.O.C.
4th: S.W.B.
5th: Gloucesters.
Total time, 8 min. 37 sec.

Three Miles.

1st: Royal Signals. (Cpl. Ayres. Hammond and Hellier.)
2nd: Lancashire Fusiliers.
3rd: Gloucesters.
4th: D.L.I.
5th: R.T. Corps.

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THREE MILES INDIVIDUAL.

1st: Cpl. Ayres, Royal Signals.
2nd: Hammond, Royal Signals.
3rd: Keane, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Time, 16 min. ⅗ secs.

LONG JUMP.

1st: Lancashire Fusiliers. (Cpl. Long and Fus. Bailey).
2nd. 1st Light Bde. R.A.
3rd: R.A.O.C.
4th: Royal Signals.
5th: R.A.S.C.

120 YARDS HURDLES.

1st: Durham Light Infantry. (L/Sgt. Metcalfe, Cpl. Prichard, L/Cpl. Welford and L/Sjt. Walker.)
2nd: Lancashire Fusiliers.
3rd: R.T. Corps.
4th: R.A.S.C.
5th: Green Howards.

TUG OF WAR (110 STONE).

1st Light Brigade R.A. beat S.W. Borderers (Two straight pulls).

TUG OF WAR (CATCH WEIGHT).

1st Light Bde. R.A. beat Military Police in two straight pulls.

ENLISTED BOYS 440 YARDS.

1st: Challis, Gloster Regt.
2nd: Slade, Royal Dragoons.
3rd: Berry, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Time, 59 ⅘ secs.

ONE MILE.

1st: L/Cpl. Warmington, 12th Lancers.
2nd: Amin Abbas, Maspero.
3rd: Mr. Borman (Cook's S.C.)
Time, 4 min. 44 ⅗ sec.

OPEN 440 YARDS.

1st: Mr. T. G. H Black (G.S.C.)
2nd: Mr. C. Florence (Cook's S.C.)
3rd: Lt. Mohamed Famy (Egyptian Army. Time, 52 ⅘ sec.

ONE MILE TEAM.

1st: Lancashire Fusiliers.

PUTTING WEIGHT.

1st: Military Foot Police 69' 1"
2nd: Lancashire Fusiliers 66' 3".

(The above is published by the courtesy of the *Egyptian Mail*.

In the individual events we won the following:—

100 YARDS. 3rd, 2nd/Lt. C. G. Bowen.
440 YARDS. 1st, C/Sjt. Day; 3rd, Bdms. Baker.
880 YARDS. 1st, C/Sjt. Day. 3rd, L/Cpl. Melchoir.
1 MILE. 1st, C/Sjt. Day.
LONG JUMP. 1st, Fus. Bailey.

BOXING. (Individual).

7-4-28 Cairo. Cpls. Watts and Grace boxed for the Army in Egypt against R.A.F. Egypt.

14-9-28 Cairo. Cpl. Watts defeated Sjt. Wigmore, R. Scots.
Cpl. Grace defeated Pte. Fletcher, R.T. Corps.

17-9-28 Alexandria. Cpl. Watts defeated Sjt. Franklin, R.A.F.
Cpl. Grace defeated Sjt. Davidson, R.A.F.
Fus. Wilson defeated Boy Mullins, R.N.

17-11-28. COMMAND NOVICES TOURNAMENT, CAIRO.

Bantam Weight. Winner Fus. Steadman.
Feather Weight. Winner Fus. Thompson.
Boys Weight. Winner Boy Crowther.
Light Weight. Runner up Fus. Lockett.
Boys Bantam Weight. Runner up Boy O'Donovan.
Boys Mosquito Weight. Runner up Boy Bullows.

22-12-28. EGYPT COMMAND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP, CAIRO.

Welter Weight. Cpl. Watts.
Feather Weight. Cpl. Grace.
Fly Weight. Fus Hewitt.

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EGYPT COMMAND INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

14-2-29. 1st Round. 1st. Lan. Fus. defeated 1st S.W.B 8-1.
21-2-29. 2nd Round. 1st Lan. Fus. defeated 1st Gloucestershires, 6-3.
23-3-29. Semi-Final. 1st Lan. Fus. defeated 2nd Green Howards, 15-12.
30-3-29. Final. 1st Lan. Fus. lost to 1st L. Bde. R.A. (holders).

SOCCER.

13-10-28. 1st Round ROBERTS HUGHES CUP.
1st Lan. Fus. 6. 12th Lancers 3.
9-11-28. 2nd Round, drew R.C.O.S. 1-1.
" " replay lost to R.C.O.S., 3-2.

EGYPT COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

17-1-29. 1st Round, 1st Lan. Fus. 4. 1st S.W.B. 1.
31-1-29. 2nd Round, 1st Lan. Fus. 2. 10th Hussars 1.
8-3-29. Semi-Final 1st Lan. Fus. 0. D.L.I. 0.
" " Replay, 1st Lan. Fus. 1. D.L.I. 6.

SULTAN'S CUP.

1st Round, 1st Lan. Fus 6. Egyptian State Ry. 2.
2nd Round, 1st Lan. Fus. 2. Timsah 1.
3rd Round, 1st Lan. Fus. 3. Ibis 1.
Semi-Final, 1st Lan. Fus. 0. N.S.C. 1, after extra time.

SMALL UNITS CUP.

1st Round.	"D" Coy.	1st Lan. Fus.	1.	M.G. Coy. Green Howards	0
2nd ,,	"D"	,,	5.	"B" Coy. do.	2
3rd ,,	"D"	,,	5.	8th Bty. R.A.	3
Semi-Final	"D"	,,	1.	R.A.M.C.	1*
Replay	"D"	,,	4.	do.	2
Final	"D"	,,	4.	R.C.O.S.	5*

* After extra time.

CRICKET.

EGYPT INTER-UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP.

12-5-28. 1st Lan. Fus. defeated R.C.O.S. by 2 wickets.
24-5-28. 1st Lan. Fus. lost to R.A.S.C. by 8 wickets.

HOCKEY.

INTER-UNIT COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

8-12-28. 1st Lan. Fus. 4. R.A S.C. Egypt 2.
29-12-28. 1st Lan. Fus. 3. S.W.B. 1.
12-1-29. 1st Lan. Fus. 2. R.E. Egypt 1.
19-1-29. 1st. Lan. Fus. 0. 2nd Green Howards 1 (after extra time.)

RUGBY.

INTER-UNIT COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

1-12-28 1st Round 1st Lan. Fus. 19. R.E. Egypt 0.
15-12-28 2nd Round 1st Lan. Fus. 6. S.W.B. 20.

Canal Area Cup.

14-2-29 1st Round 1st Lan. Fus. 12 R.A.F. Abb Sueir 0.
26-3-29 Final 1st Lan. Fus. 21. 42nd Field Coy. R.E. 0.

Aquatic Sports.

CANAL BRIGADE—LAKE TIMSAH.

2 Lengths Breast Stroke:—

1st Fus. Daft; 2nd Fus. Hill; 3rd Fus. Thistlewaite.

Plain Diving:—

1st Dmr. Fearnley; 2nd L/C Melchior; 3rd Fus. Pasquill.

Plunging:—2nd Dmr. Fearnley.

Half Mile:—3rd Fus. Daft. 4th Boy. Joyce.

GOLF.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP EGYPT.

3rd Captain T. B. C. Piggott, M.C.

INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

19-12-28 1st Round 1st Lan. Fus. defeated R.A.S.C. Egypt.
2nd Round 1st Lan. Fus. defeated S.W.B.
Final 1st Lan. Fus. lost to R.A.M.C. Egypt.

Gibraltar Command Athletic Sports.

The Command Athletic Sports Meeting, 1929, was held on the Sports Ground, North Front, on Monday and Tuesday, 10th and 11th June, under very pleasant conditions. The change in the weather this last few days lowered the temperature

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considerably and both competitors and spectators must have enjoyed the afternoons at North Front.

As regards the Sports themselves, there were no records broken, but every event was keenly contested. As was expected, the Lancashire Fusiliers lived up to their reputation and swept the board, winning all the Unit Championship Events and 16 out of 18 prizes in the Individual Open Events.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the prizes were presented by Colonel L. A. E. Price-Davies, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C.

During the afternoon of the 11th the band, 1st Bn. the Lancashire Fusiliers, played and helped considerably to make the afternoon a bright and cheery one.

The winners in each event were as follows :—

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

Long Jump.—Cpl. Long, (L.F.) 22 ft. Fus. Bailey, (L.F.)

220 yds. Open.—Cpl. Long, (L.F.) Bdn. Baker. Time 26 secs.

Putting the Weight.—Sjt. Wootten, (L.F.) 35 ft. L/C. Livesly, (L.F.)

100 yds. Open.—Lieut. Bowen. Fus. Bailey. Time 11 secs.

High Jump.—L/C. Williams, 5 ft. lin. L/C Melchior.

880 yds. Open.—L/C. Melchior. L/C. Stell. Time 2 mins. 15½ secs.

440 yds. Open.—L/C Melchior. Gunner Newman, (R.A.) Time 57 secs.

3 Miles Open.—Cpl. Keane, Spr. Shotton, (R.E.) Time 17 mins. 12/5 secs.

1 mile Open.—Cpl. Keane, Fus. Wilson.

Veterans Race (Handicap) 100 yds.—Sjt. Hazledene, (R.E.) Sjt. Savage, (R.E.) Time 11 secs.

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Relay Races, (4 men per team)

880 yds.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.E., R.A., R.N. Time 9 mins. 30 2/5 secs.

100 yds.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.A., R.E., R.N. Time 46 secs.

220 yds.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.E., R.A., R.N. Time 1 min. 45 4/5 secs.

440 yds.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.A., R.N., R.E. Time 3 mins. 55 secs.

Team Races, (4 men per team).

1 Mile.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.E., R.N.

3 Miles.—Lancashire Fusiliers, R.E., R.A.

Long Jump (2 men per unit).—Lancashire Fusiliers (41 ft. 3 ins.) R.A. (33 ft. 11 ins.,) R.E. (33 ft. 8½ ins.,) R.N. (29 ft. 3 ins.)

High Jump (2 men per unit).—Lancashire Fusiliers (10 ft. 1 in.,) R.E. (9 ft. 10 ins.,) R.N. & R.A. (9 ft. 5 ins.)

Putting the Weight (2 men per unit).—Lancashire Fusiliers (67 ft. 8½ ins.,) R.E. (59 ft. 11 ins.,) R.A (59 ft. 7 ins.) R.N. (57 ft. 5½ ins.)

Unit Athletic Challenge Cup.—Winners, Lancashire Fusiliers with 36 pts.

Tug-of-War, Unit Challenge Cup.—Winners, Royal Engineers.

Visitors Medley Race.—Winners, H.M.S. "Sussex".

Visitors Tug-of-War.—Winners, H.M.S. "Sussex".

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Certificates of Education.

The undermentioned attended an examination for 1st Class Certificates of Education and obtained results as shown. w.e.f. 20th March 1929.

3441686	Fus. Almond, E. "B"	Passed all subjects.
3439965	Fus. Evans, J. "B"	Passed all subjects.
3446398	Cpl. Crook, A. "A"	Obtained "D" in Maths. and Map Reading.
3434272	C.S.M. Capon, F. "B"	Passed in Map Reading.
3434452	Sjt. Wootton, P. "D"	do.
6087725	Sjt. Johnson, S. "B"	do.

Qualifications.

3446689	Sjt. Lloyd, S. "H.Q."	Attended 96th Regimental Signalling Instructors' Course from 3-1-29 to 11-4-29 and obtained a "Distinguished" Certificate.
3437323	Sjt. Ross, W. "A"	Attended Course of Instruction at the Small Arms School, Hythe, from 15-4-29 to 21-6-29 & obtained a Q 1.
3436566	Cpl. Hartley. "B"	

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Promotions and Appointments.

3434324 Sjt. Challoner, J. 5th Bn. Promoted Cr. Sjt. and appointed C.Q.M.S. 1-5-29 *vice* Filkins discharged.

3439659 L/Sjt. Smith. W. Depot. Promoted Sjt. 1-5-29 *vice* Challoner.

3434396 Cpl. James, R. "B." Appointed Paid Lance Serjeant 1-5-29 *vice* Smith.

4687085 L/C. Baggott, E. Depot. Promoted Cpl. 11-4-28 *vice* May to Army Reserve.

3440514 L/C. Wallace, P. Depot. Promoted Cpl. 1-5-29 *vice* Smith promoted.

4605775 L/C. Eccles, J. "A" Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 11-4-29 *vice* Baggott promoted.

3437116 L/C. Halligan, G. "H.Q." Appointed Paid L/Cpl. 1-5-29 *vice* Wallace promoted.

6687725 Sjt. Johnson, S. "H.Q." Appointed Sjt. Instructor of Musketry 24-3-29 *vice* Dodson.

3439630 L/C. Blythe, C. "D" Ref. 2-0-36/6 dated 8-4-29 for "24-3-29 *vice* Johnson" substitute "9-3-29 *vice* Gilbertson."

3441067 L/C. Wilson, G. "C" (M.G.) For "24-3-29" substitute "9-3-29."

3381915 L/C. Bullen, F. "C" (M.G.) Promoted Corporal 24-3-29 *vice* Johnson.

3441061 L/C. Williams, R. "C" (M.G.) Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 24-2-29 *vice* Bullen.

3440995 Fus. Abbott, F. "H.Q." } Appointed
3442959 Fus. McDonald, J. "H.Q." } Unpaid Lance
3441723 Fus. Anderson, F. "H.Q." } Corporals
3442153 Fus. Cliffe, H. "H.Q." } w.e.f. 15-4-29.

3434477 Cpl. Heap, G. "H.Q." Relinquishes the appointment of Band Corporal w.e.f. 6-6-29.

No. 3439091 Bdn. S. Francis "H.Q." Wing is appointed Provisional Lance Corporal with effect from 14-5-29.

3440018 L/C. Hardy, A. "H.Q." Promoted Cpl. 12-6-1929 *vice* Tomkinson discharged.

No. 3340018 Cpl. A. Hardy "H.Q." Wing, is appointed Acting Serjeant with effect from 2nd July 1929.

3439085 Bdn. Waters, W. "H.Q." { Appointed Unpaid L Corporal w.e.f. 11-6-29.

Strength Increase.

3435654 Fus. Connolly, J. "A" } Disembarked at
3434245 Fus. Smallman, A. "A" } Port Said from
3434469 Fus Urquhart, L. "A" } H T. *Nevasa* ex
3438961 Fus. Tomlinson, J. "A" } 2nd Bn. India
3434176 Fus. Knox, J. "A" } on 5-4-29.
3436527 Fus. Ince, H. "B" } Taken on ration
3436325 Fus. Glassey, J. "D" } strength of
3436538 Fus. Moran, W. "D" } Companies as
3437299 Fus. Newell, J. "D" } shown w.e.f.
3435102 Fus. Searson, S. "H.Q." } 6-4-29.

The undermentioned disembarked from S. S. *Ormonde* at Gibraltar before noon on 29-5-29 and posted to Companies as shown:—

"A" Company.

3443595 Fus. Atherton, S.
3443579 Fus. Davies, A.
3443655 Fus. Lomas, F.
3443590 Fus. Riley, J.
731292 Sjt. Morris, J.
3593633 Fus. Clarke, J.
3443645 Fus. Holmes, M.
3443650 Fus. Phillips, C.
3443632 Fus. Wade, F.
3443643 Fus. Barclays, J.
3443608 Fus. Hartley, N.
3443630 Fus. Pollard, E.
3443614 Fus. Sanger, S.
2654403 Fus. Black, H.
3443589 Fus. Hoath, C.
3443587 Fus. McCuddon.
3443583 Fus. Stansfield, A.

"B" Company.

3443622 Fus. Arnald, C.
3443652 Fus. Barber, J.
3443584 Fus. Howlett, R.
3443623 Fus. Harley, M.
3443606 Fus. Lord, J.
3443644 Fus. Parker, J.
3522592 Fus. Renshaw, E.
3520177 Fus. Stirrup, S.
3443585 Fus. Bryant, R.
3443649 Fus. Cawood, W.
3443604 Fus. Hegarty, F.
776378 Fus. Jones, W.
3443631 Fus. McGinn, W.
3443651 Fus. Piothall, G.
3443602 Fus. Strong, E.

"D" Company.

3443576 Fus. Bickett, R.
3443601 Fus. Cooper, R.
3443586 Fus. Hartle, H.
3443638 Fus. Harker, M.
3443613 Fus. Lord, J.
3521636 Fus. Parkinson, J.
3443591 Fus. Quinn, R.
3443607 Fus. Smith, A.
3443639 Fus. Bradshaw, E.
3443653 Fus. Casson, R.
3443611 Fus. Hindson, A.
3443605 Fus. Jackson, W.
3440439 Fus. Lancaster, J.
3443047 Fus. Pendlebury, J.
3443578 Fus. Smith, S.
3443646 Fus. Smedley, J.
3436831 Sjt. Ramsden, W. "B" (Wife and 2 children).
3435250 C.Q.M.S. Harvey, E. "C" (& Wife).
3440089 Sjt. Lloyd, S. "H.Q."
3443735 Boy Lloyd, W. "H.Q."
3439818 L Sjt. Maxwell, A. "J".

5040583 Pte. Jones, R. "B" } Transferred from 2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt. and posted to "B" Coy. w.e.f. 11-5-29 Folios.
6136546 Pte. Jones, C. "B" }

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Strength—Enlistment.

Recruit Hastings, W: A. "A". Attested at Gib. for 7 and 5 years, 18-5-29.

3440967	Fus. Bruce, H.	"A"	Embarked at Port Said on H.T. *Neuralia* for the U.K. 2-5-29 and posted to Depot Lan. Fus. for tour of duty w.e.f. 2-5-29.
3441080	L/C. Clegg, D.	"A"	
3441974	Fus. Chapman, A.	"A"	
3851267	Fus. Lancaster, D.	"A"	
3441328	Fus. Neil, C.	"A"	
3440998	Fus. Hart, T.	"B"	
3443111	Fus. Owen, W.	"B"	
3442479	Fus. O'Connor, P.	"B"	
3441951	Fus. Price, J.	"B"	
3441226	Cpl. White, J.	"B"	
3441425	Fus. Wyer, H.	"B"	
3438928	Cpl. Wharton, J.	"B"	
3442711	Fus. Rogers, T.	"C"	
3435240	C.Q.M.S. Batts, S.	"D"	
3441990	L/C Beckett, S.	"D"	
3436470	Fus. Murphy, W.	"D"	
3441631	Fus. Tibbs, W.	"D"	
753516	Fus. Barkess, R.	"H.Q."	
3441218	Fus. South, J.	"H.Q."	
1670317	Fus. Balshaw, W.	"H.Q."	

3435923 Sjt. Cully, G. "B" (Wife & family). Embarked at Port Said on H.T. *Neuralia* for the U.K. 2-5-29 and posted to 6th Bn. Lan. Fus. for tour duty w.e.f. 2-5-29.

3435918 Sjt. Thomas, P. "B" Posted to 5th Bn. Lan. Fus. w.e.f. 1-4-29.

3435106 Cpl. Tomkinson, G. "B" Discharged 11-6-29 under para. 370 (xvi) K.R.

3443190 Fus. Martin, F. "B" Embarked at Port Said on H.T. *Neuralia* for U.K. 2-5-29. Disembarked Southampton 15-5-29. Attached Details 16-5-29. Transferred to Army Reserve 17-5-29 under para. 369 (ii) (c) King's Regulations.

3443719 Fus. Payne, A. "D" (Details). Discharged 27-4-27 under para. 370 (xvi) K.R.

3439499	Fus. Mealey, A.	"D"	Disembarked at Southampton ex H.T. *Dorsetshire* from Shanghai 22-4-29 & attached to Details w.e.f. 23-4-29.
3440522	Fus. Turner, J.	"D"	
3441952	Fus. Young, E.	"B"	

3435250 C.Q.M.S. Harvey, H. "C" Posted to "C" (M.G.) Coy. w.e.f. 1-4-29, on completion of tour of duty with 5th Bn. attached Details pending embarkation.)

3438924	L/C. Milward, T.	"A"	Transferred to Army Reserve 30-5-29 under para 369 (i) K.R.
3438797	Fus. McConnell, J.	"A"	

3439498 Fus. Nicholson, J. "A" Transferred to Army Reserve 1-6-29 under para. 369 (i) K.R.

3439499 Fus. Healey, A. "D" Transferred to Army Reserve 1-6-29 under para. 369 (i) K.R.

3437145 Fus. Sims, A. "H.Q." Embarked at Port Said on H.T. *Neuralia* for the U.K. 2-5-29 and posted to Depot Lan. Fus. for tour of duty w.e.f. 2-5-29.

BIRTHS.

ISARD.—At Manchester on the 12th June, 1929. To the wife of Fus. Isard "B" Coy., 1st Lan. Fus.—a son, Benjamin Albert.

GOULD.—At Moascar on the 1st May 1929. To the wife of L/Sjt. J. Gould, "B" Company, 1st Lan. Fus.—a son, James.

JEANES.—At Moascar on 2nd April 1929. To the wife of C.S.M. B. Jeanes, "A" Company, 1st Lan. Fus.—a daughter, April Dawn.

WILSON.—At Moascar on 14th March 1929. To the wife of Fus. H. Wilson, "H.Q." Wing, 1st Lan. Fus.—a son, Robert.

WILLGOSS.—At Moascar on 16th February 1929. To the wife of Fus. C. Willgoss "D" Company, 1st Lan. Fus.—Daughters, Dorothy Rose and Ellen Beryl.

MARRIAGES.

STARLING-FOULKER.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Hanover Square, London, on the 22nd December 1928, Sjt. F. Starling "C" (M.G.) Coy., 1st Lan. Fus., to Dorothea Llewellyn Foulker.

DEATHS.

BALME.

We deeply regret having to announce the death at Diss, Norfolk, on the 10th May 1929, of the late Band Serjeant W. Balme, who served the Regiment faithfully for 27 years.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his parents and relatives in their bereavement.

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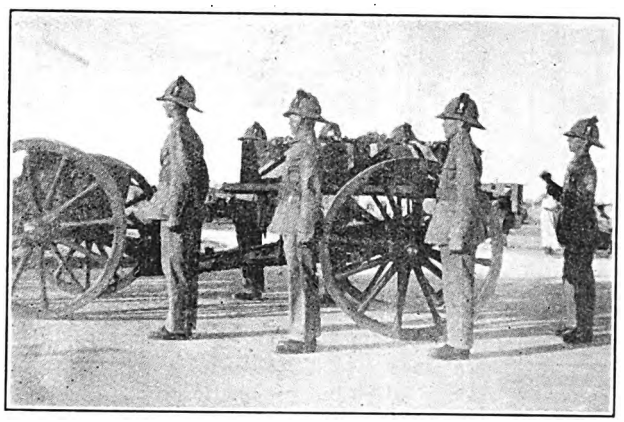
MONTGOMERY.

We regret to announce the death of Major Allen Montgomery late XX Regiment at his residence, Kilmer, Co Meath, on the 17th April, 1929. Age 76. We offer our sincere sympathies to his relatives.

NICHOLSON.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Fusilier A. Nicholson "B" Company, 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, who died in Hospital at Moascar on the 1st May 1929, from an injury to an eye. All ranks offer their deepest sympathy to his parents and relatives in their bereavement.



FUNERAL OF FUSILIER NICHOLSON, MOASCAR, MAY 1st, 1929.

CALENDAR OF REGIMENTAL HISTORY.

JULY.

1st	1690	Battle of the Boyne. First action of the XX.
	1881	Title of XX changed to "The Lancashire Fusiliers."
	1916	Battle of the Somme commenced.
2nd	1800	XX land at Minorca from Ireland.
3rd	1806	XX sailed from Messina to Maida.
4th	1806	Battle of Maida. Battle Honour on Colours.
5th	1806	Occupation of Maida.
	1915	9th Bn. embarked at Devonport for Gallipoli.
6th	1777	Action at Hubbarton (America).
	1916	11th Bn. attack on Ovillers.
7th	1838	Colours presented to the XX by the Duke of Wellington at the Tower of London.
	1915	Pilckem.
8th	1852	Great fire at Montreal. XX highly commended for its exertion.
	1915	Pilckem.
9th		
10th		
11th	1838	XX march from London to Manchester.
12th	1691	Battle of Aughrim (Ireland).
	1870	2nd Bn. arrived in Mauritius from South Africa.
13th		
14th	1749	Establishment of Colony of Nova Scotia by Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. Cornwallis. XX at Halifax.
	1864	Headquarters 2nd Bn. landed at Yokohama, Japan. The first Regiment of the modern Japanese Army were trained on the Parade Ground of the XX.
	1915	10th Bn. landed in France.
15th	1761	Battle of Kirch Denkern (Seven Years War).
16th	1853	XX landed at Southampton from Canada.
17th	1690	Commencement of 1st Siege of Athlone.
	1759	Advance on Minden.
18th	1854	XX left Plymouth for Crimea.

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19th	1857	XX warned for service in Bengal.
20th		
21st		
22nd	1806	Surrender of Castle of Soylla (War with France).
23rd	1900	Skirmish at Rooi Kopjes (Boer War).
24th	1801	XX disembarked at Aboukir Bay.
	1863	Left Wing 2nd Bn. embarked at Portsmouth for India.
25th	1813	Battle of Roncesvalles (Peninsula).
26th	1809	XX left England for Walcheren.
27th	1901	Skirmish at Reit River.
28th	1813	Battle of Sorauren (Peninsular).
29th		
30th	1813	Skirmish at Vilate.
	1856	XX Reviewed by Queen Victoria on return from Crimea.
31st	1760	Battle of Warburg (Seven Years War).
	1915	Third Battle of Ypres. Lieut.-Colonel Best-Dunkley, 2/5th Bn., awarded the Victoria Cross.

AUGUST.

1st	1759	Battle of Minden. Battle Honour on Colours
	1859	Presentation of Colours to 2nd Bn. by General Lord Seaton.
	1898	Presentation of Colours to 3rd Bn. by Lord Derby.
	1913	Presentation of Colours to 3rd (S.R.) Bn. at Barrow.
2nd	1813	Action at Echallar. Battle Honour on Colours, "Pyrenees."
3rd	1758	XX landed at Emb'en to take part in The Seven Years War.
4th	1799	2nd Bn. raised for 2nd time.
	1858	Skirmish at Mohan (Indian Mutiny).
	1914	England declared war on Germany.
5th	1918	2nd Bn. Pacaut Wood.
6th	1843	Outbreak of Yellow Fever in XX at Bermuda.
	1915	Suvla Bay and Krithia (Gallipoli). 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions engaged.
7th	1854	XX disembarked opposite Constantinople.
8th	1857	XX left England for India.
	1858	Action at Hussengunge.
9th	1902	Coronation of King Edward VII.
10th	1917	1st Bn. engaged in 3rd Battle of Ypres.
11th		
12th	1893	2nd Bn. on duty during Riots in Bombay.
13th	1761	Skirmish at Reilen Kirchen.
14th	1900	Skirmish at Witpoort (Boer War).
15th		
16th	1917	9th Bn. attack at Steenbeck.
17th	1801	Action near Aboukir.
	1899	1st Bn. left England for Malta.
18th	1808	XX landed from England at Peniche to take part in Peninsular War.
19th	1872	1st Bn. on duty during Riots in Belfast.
20th	1919	New Colours presented to 2nd Bn. by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.
21st	1808	Battle of Vimiera. Battle Honour on Colours.
	1914	2nd Bn. embarked at Southampton for France.
	1915	9th Bn. engaged at Hetman Char (Gallipoli).
	1918	5th, 7th and 9th Bns. attack near Serre. Sjt. E. Smith, 5th Bn., awarded the Victoria Cross.
22nd		
23rd	1855	Sortie from Sebastopol.
	1914	2nd Bn. disembarked at Boulogne.
24th	1814	Battle of Blandensburg (War with U.S.A.) British troops commanded by General Ross (late XX).
25th	1691	Commencement of 2nd Siege of Limerick
	1756	2nd Bn. raised for 1st time.
	1799	XX left England for Holland.
	1801	Attack on Fort Des Bains (Egypt).
26th	1702	Attack on Cadiz (War of Spanish Succession).
	1898	3rd (Regular) Bn. left England for Malta.
	1914	2nd Bn. in action in France.

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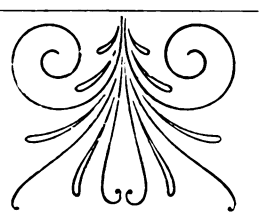
	1916	17th Bn. in action at Angle Wood.
27th	1690	Commencement of 1st Siege of Limerick.
	1702	Surrender of Port Catalina (War of Spanish Succession).
28th	1799	XX disembarked at Helder (Holland).
29th	1901	Skirmish at Carolina.
30th		
31st	1813	Storming and capture of San Sebastian (Peninsular).

SEPTEMBER.

1st	1855	Attack on Trenches before Sebastopol.
	1903	Colours presented to 4th (Regular) Bn. by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.
2nd	1898	Battle of Khartoum. Battle Honour on Colours.
3rd		
4th	1898	3rd Bn. arrived in Malta from England.
	1915	12th Bn. landed at Boulogne.
	1918	1st Bn. engaged in capture of Ploegsteert.
5th	1760	Attack on Ziremburg.
	1759	Capture of Marpurg (Seven Years War).
6th	1899	2nd Bn. left Malta for England.
	1917	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. in 3rd Battle of Ypres.
	1919	Old Colours 2nd Bn. presented on 1st August, 1859, placed in the Parish Church, Bury.
7th	1809	XX left Walcheren for England.
	1914	End of Mons Retreat.
8th	1855	Storming of the Redan.
9th	1855	XX present at the 6th and last bombardment of Sebastopol.
	1914	2nd Bn. crossed the Marne.
	1916	2/5th Bn. made attack on Delville Wood.
10th	1799	Battle of Krabendam (War with France).
	1914	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. embarked for Egypt.
11th	1763	Skirmish at Staten (Seven Years War).
12th	1814	Death of General Ross at Baltimore.
13th	1759	Death of General Wolfe (XX) on Plain of Abraham, Quebec.
	1914	Battle of the Aisne.
14th	1852	Death of the Duke of Wellington.
	1854	XX landed in Crimea.
	1899	2nd Bn. arrived in England from Malta.
	1916	12th Bn. in action at Mocukovo.
15th	1691	Attack on Limerick.
16th	1809	XX disembarked at Harwich on return from Walcheran.
17th		
18th		
19th	1777	Battle of Freeman's Farm (America).
20th	1854	Alma. Battle Honour on Colours.
	1917	2/5th Bn. engaged in 3rd Battle of Ypres.
21st	1762	Action at Amoneburg (Seven Years War).
	1881	2nd. Bn. left Queenstown for Bombay.
22nd	1691	Assault on Limerick.
23rd		
24th	1879	Four Companies 2nd Bn. left Plymouth for Jersey.
25th	1808	XX take possession of Fort La Lippe (Peninsular).
26th	1901	Defence of Forts Itala (Boer War).
	1916	9th Bn. attack on Mouquet Farm.
27th	1841	XX embarked at Cork for Bermuda.
	1918	5th, 7th and 8th Bns. in action Hindenburg Line broken.
28th	1918	1st Bn. engaged in 4th Battle of Ypres.
29th	1916	11th Bn. made attack on Schwaben Redoubt.
30th	1841	Headquarters XX left Cork for Bermuda.



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THE EDITOR,

Gallipoli Gazette.

A few interesting points *re* our late comrade W. Balme, who for 27 years served the regiment faithfully and generously throughout, and was no doubt popular amongst the Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s, and men wheresoever they met him.

He enlisted in the regiment as a boy, joining the old Regular 3rd Battalion where he served in the band under Mr. Joe Worms until the Battalion was disbanded in 1906. Joining the 1st Battalion in Malta, he accompanied the Battalion to India and left in Mooltan in 1911, for England, after his first term of 12 years and a number of days.

During his term of pending discharge leave, the call of the XX once more claimed him and he rejoined his old Regiment at Bury and only a few weeks later, the 2nd Battalion in Dover. He proceeded with the 2nd to France, being wounded and in Hospital during the early winter of 1914. On rejoining, he joined the 3rd Reserve Battalion and proceeded with the first draft to Gallipoli to join the first Battalion who had there enchanced their fame at the Landing.

He arrived unfortunately to learn of his brother's death after only a few days in action with the 1st Battalion. He was invalided to England and finally rejoined to help Mr. Miles who was then fighting hard to form a Band in readiness as we all hoped for the early cessation of hostilities, but as we all know this was not to be. He remained at home working hard despite being medically unfit, and was promoted Band Serjeant vice Grice who was appointed Bandmaster to the Durham Light Infantry. He remained with the Band until 1927 being then appointed a/C.Q.M.S. of "D" Company. Unfortunately we were not able to enjoy his comradeship in that rank for long, as owing to illness he was eventually invalided with pension. His heart and soul remained with the regiment. He visited us several times at Dover and was always on the look out for the XX Cap Badge on the stations during leave periods, and the Regimental Dinner gatherings where he asked of every happening irrespective of rank.

A great sportsman and a topping soldier throughout his career he is missed very much by all who knew him. He saw service with the Regiment in the West Indies, South Africa, Malta, Egypt, India, France, Gallipoli and Ireland.

He visited us at Southampton prior to our departure for Egypt and in all his letters was longing for the return of the Battalion.

His last action of note was to get up from a bed of sickness where he had been for five months, and travel to London to attend the Regimental Dinner held in April. On his return to Norfolk he caught a chill and passed away on the 10th May 1929, admired, respected and remembered by all.

Esprit de Corps to the last and an example to all who serve in the XX now and forever.

An old Comrade,

H. W.

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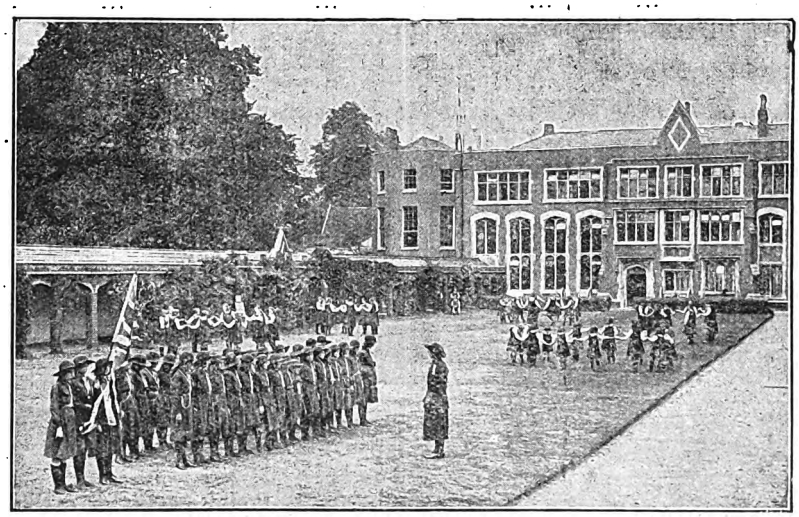

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The Sphinx superscribed "Egypt." The Red Rose. "*Omnia Audax.*"
"DETTINGEN," "MINDEN," "EGMONT-OP-ZEE," "MAIDA," "VIMIERA," "CORUNNA," "VITTORIA," "PYRENNEES," "ORTHES," "TOULOUSE," "PENINSULA," "ALMA," "INKERMAN," "SEVASTOPOL," "LUCKNOW," "KHARTOUM," "RELIEF OF LADYSMITH," "SOUTH AFRICA, 1899-1902."
The Great War—30 Battalions.—"Le Cateau," "RETREAT FROM MONS," "Marne, 1914," "AISNE, 1914, '18," "Armentieres, 1914," "YPRES, 1915, '17, '18" "St. Julien," "Bellewaarde," "SOMME, 1916, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "ARRAS, 1917, 18," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arieux," "Messines, 1917," "Pilckem" "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle" "PASSCHENDAELE," "CAMBRAI, 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume, 1918," "Rosières," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Bethnme," "Scherpenberg," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Quéant," "HINDENBURG LINE," "Epéhy," "Canal du Nord," "St Quentin Canal," "Courtrai" "Selle," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Doiran, 1917" "MACEDONIA, 1915-18." "Helles," "LANDING AT HELLES," "Krithia," "Suvla," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17."
The battle honours gained before "The Great War" are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour and those in thick type gained during "The Great War" are emblazoned on The King's Colour.

JOTTINGS.

Lieutenant General Sir Percy P. de B. Radcliffe, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O, has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, in succession to General Sir William E. Peyton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O, whose tenure of appointment expires on the 19th February, 1930.

As mentioned in No. 2 G.G., dated July 1926, General Radcliffe is the son of General Sir W. P. Radcliffe, who commanded the 2nd Bn. from its formation in 1858 to June 1863, and was Colonel of the Regiment from 1894 to his death in 1897.

All ranks offer their congratulations to General Radcliffe on his appointment.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

August 27th.

Lan. Fus.:—Captain C. D. Flint (Q.M.), to be Major, August 25th.

T.A.

Infy., 7th Lan. Fus.:—Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Hon. Colonel, August 28th.

August 30th.

Lan. Fus.:—2/Lt. S. R. Garratt to be Lt. August 29th.

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College to be Sec. Lts. August 29th:

Lan. Fus.:—F. F. Gregory, J. E. M. Carter.

T.A.

Infy., 5th Lan. Fus.:—The Earl of Derby to be Hon. Colonel, February 10th.

October 4th.

Lan. Fus.:—Sec. Lt. M. L. West, to be Lt., August 30th.

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R.A.R.O.

Lan. Fus. :—Having attained the age limit of liability to recall, Lieutenant Colonel H A. Kirkby, D.S.O., ceases to belong to the Res. of Officers.

Mrs. Luker and daughter Rosemary, arrived on the 22nd October, and Mrs. Armitage and daughter Elizabeth, on the 4th October from England.

We congratulate Major T. B. C. Piggott, on his appointment as Secretary to the Mannings Heath Golf Club, Horsham.

Captain and Mrs. Otway are proceeding to Burma in the near future. We wish them *Bon Voyage* and the best of luck in their new sphere.

Captain R. M. Armitage has undergone a most successful operation for appendicitis. We congratulate him most heartily and wish him a speedy recovery.

Lieut. G. B. King qualified in subject (a) at a recent examination for promotion held at Gibraltar. 2/Lt. J. N. H. Christie obtained Q. 1 at Hythe, and Capt. H. M. Dodson Q. 1 at Netheravon.

We were very pleased to see Colonel Bunbury of The Green Howards, who paid us a short visit from the P. & O. homeward bound.

2/Lts. F. F. Gregory and J. E. M. Carter arrived on the 8th October from the R.M.C. We offer them a very sincere welcome to the Regiment.

Our grateful thanks are due to Messrs. E. E. Beaton & Co. who have kindly presented to the Battalion an Inter-Company Aquatic Challenge Shield.

The latest information about our move to Catterick is that the Battalion embarks on H.T. *Nevasa* on the 10th February and is due at Southampton on the 14th February

C.S.M., and Mrs. Miner and son, left the Battalion on the 30th September for civil life. We understand that C.S.M. Miner has obtained a post as boxing instructor to a school in North Wales, which we are sure he will fill with conspicuous success. It is mainly due to the efforts of C.S.M. Miner that the Battalion has done so well in the boxing world since the war, and his services will be greatly missed by the Battalion. We wish C.S.M. and Mrs. Miner the very best of luck in civil life.

News is to hand that C.S.M. Smith, V.C., D.C.M., is home from Malaya and is shortly rejoining the Battalion. With so many of our rugger players leaving us there will be plenty of room for him in the scrum where his weight and experience are greatly needed.

Mrs. Starling, the wife of Sjt. Starling, arrived per S. S. *Otranto* on the 18th September. We offer her a hearty welcome to the Regiment.

On the last morning of the Garrison Rifle Meeting, a certain N.C.O. of the Battalion decided to take part in the sweepstake. Having forgotten his rifle, he picked up a rifle which had been left leaning against the ammunition table. To his surprise he found the rifle perfect and he scored a possible. That rifle was back against the table in double quick time.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have contributed articles for this number.

Copy, photographs and sketches for inclusion in No. 16 *Gazette*, should reach the Editor by first post 4th December.

LIFE SAVING.

After the article on Life Saving had gone to press "C" (M.G.) Coy. presented a class, and at examinations held during the week-ending 2nd of November the following awards were gained :—

TEACHER'S & HONORARY INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATES.

Sjt. Maxwell.

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ELEMENTARY & PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES AND BRONZE MEDALLIONS.

Sjt. Ainsworth	L/c Barber
L/c Hall	,, Wilson
Fus. McMahon	Fus. Hetherington
,, Tilley	,, Wilde
,, Brown	,, Speakman
,, Martland	,, Chadwick
,, Norton	,, Wallace
,, Thompson	

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

Fus. Smith Fus. Balderstone

This brings the total awards for the season to-date to:—

Elementary Certificates ...	47
Proficiency Certificates ...	44
Bronze Medallions	39
Teacher's Certificates ...	4
Honorary Instructor's Certificates	1

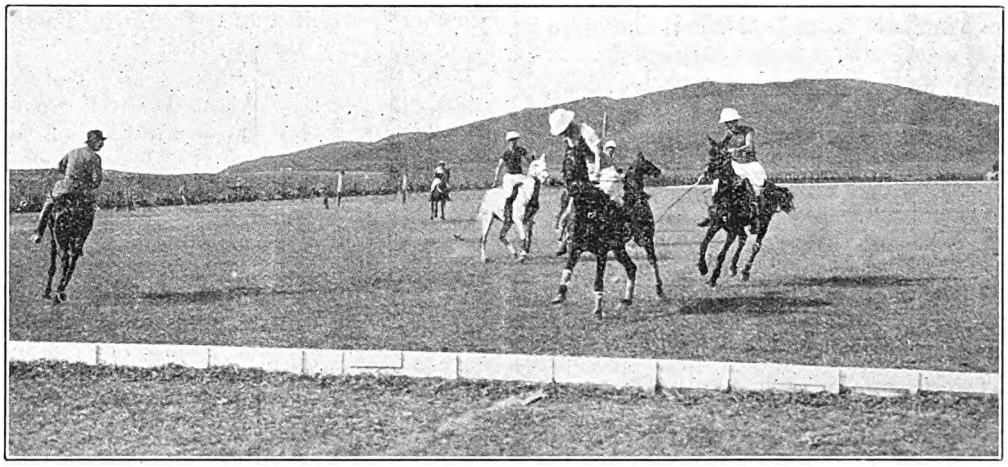
POLO.

The short sojourn of the Battalion in Gibraltar has prevented many officers from playing polo and precluded all possibility of raising a Regimental Team. No trained ponies were to be had, and it was obviously not worth while to purchase raw ponies, for by the time they were "made" the season would have been ended. Departure home on leave further complicated matters for some officers.

Of the horses taken over from the East Surrey Regiment, only two were fit for polo, and these were played by Captain Page until he went on leave. For the next two and a half months they were regularly played by Captain Surtees who took part in the Open Handicap and September Tournament. The former was a knock out, and the latter a league event. Captain Oxenford also began playing on "Dettingen" belonging to Captain Page, and "Tapir" belonging to Captain Martin, and participated in the September Tournament.

During the closing weeks of the polo season the following officers were playing:

Captain Page.	On "Birthday" and "Dettingen".
Captain Surtees.	On "Don Juan" and "Cocktail", (belonging to Mr. Sandilands).



POLO AT CAMPAMENTO.

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Mr. Christie. On "Tapir" (purchased from Captain Martin), and "Johnnie Walker" (belonging to Mr. Ames).

Had the Battalion been stationed here for a normal tour there would have been no difficulty in forming a Regimental side, for the early training of which the nature of the polo at Gibraltar is well suited As it is the ponies have been kept fit, and the officers playing have, in spite of their inferior mounts, been able to take their place straight away in fast chukkers.

G. S.

The "Euryalus" Memorial.

Copy of a letter from Major-General G. J. Farmar, C.B., C.M.G., to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester Wemyss, G.C.B., etc.

22nd August, 1929.

I am acting as Colonel of the Lancashire Fusiliers on behalf of Major-General G. H. B. Freeth during his absence in India.

In that capacity I have been in correspondence with the Rev. D. J. Jones, Chaplain, R.N., now in H.M.S. *Renown*, on the subject of the Memorial, to commemorate Lancashire Landing, *Gallipoli*, to be erected by the Officers and men of H.M.S. *Euryalus*.

As no doubt you know, all concerned are in agreement that the most appropriate form for the Memorial will be a tablet in the Parish Church at Bury, Lancashire. The design has not yet been approved, but it is hoped that it will be possible to include in it some sculptural representation of the ship and of the incident.

Provided the Memorial is ready in time, the most suitable day for the unveiling will be Sunday, April 27th 1930, being the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of the landing.

I understand that Mr. Jones has already written to you to ask you whether you would be so kind as to perform the unveiling ceremony.

I need not say on behalf of the Regiment what great gratification it would give to all of us if one so intimately connected with the landing, and to whom the 1st Battalion owed so much as they did to you, would consent to unveil what must be, I think, a unique memorial of a co-operation between the Royal Navy and the Army.

I have great hopes that the 1st Battalion will return to England in February next, and also that Major-General Freeth may also be at Home on leave from India when the ceremony takes place.

(Sd.) G. J. FARMAR.

Admiral of the Fleet,
Lord Wester Wemyss, G.C.B., etc.

MINDEN DAY, 1929.

Our annual celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Minden commenced at Reveille on the 1st August, by the Drums marching round South Barracks playing "The Minden March".

The ceremony of "Trooping the Colour' took place on the Alameda, and was witnessed by a very large number of spectators.

After the Officers and Warrant Officers had slow marched to their Guards, the Guards stood at ease. At 10 a.m. His Excellency Sir Alexander Godley, G.C.B, K.C.M.G., the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, arrived and was received with a Royal Salute. His Excellency then reviewed the Guards. The ceremony was then continued.

After the "Advance in Review Order", His Excellency addressed the parade and congratulated all ranks on their steadiness and the smartness with which they had carried out the various movements.

The detail of the parade was as follows:

COMMANDING OFFICER.
Lieut. Colonel R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C.

ADJUTANT.
Captain R. Mac. L. Armitage.

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No. 1 Guard.

Captain G. C. Martin, M.C.
Lieutenant G. B. King.
Lieutenant A. G. Ames.
C.S.M. F. Capon, D.C.M.

No. 2 Guard.

Captain E. W. Oxenford.
2nd Lieutenant G. C. Bowen.
C.S.M. B. J. Jeanes.

No. 3 Guard.

Captain G. Surtees, M.C.
Lieutenant E. A. Gordon.
C.S.M. A. E. Miner, M.M.

No. 4 Guard.

Captain J. C. Latter, M.C.
Lieutenant R. S. Leamy.
C.S.M. W. G. Campbell.

R.S.M.

J. J. Maguire.

Band Master.

E. N. Miles.

Drum Major.

F. R. Hewitt.

The following pieces were played by the Band and Drums during the ceremony:—

The Band.

Quick March "Adolphe".

The Drums.

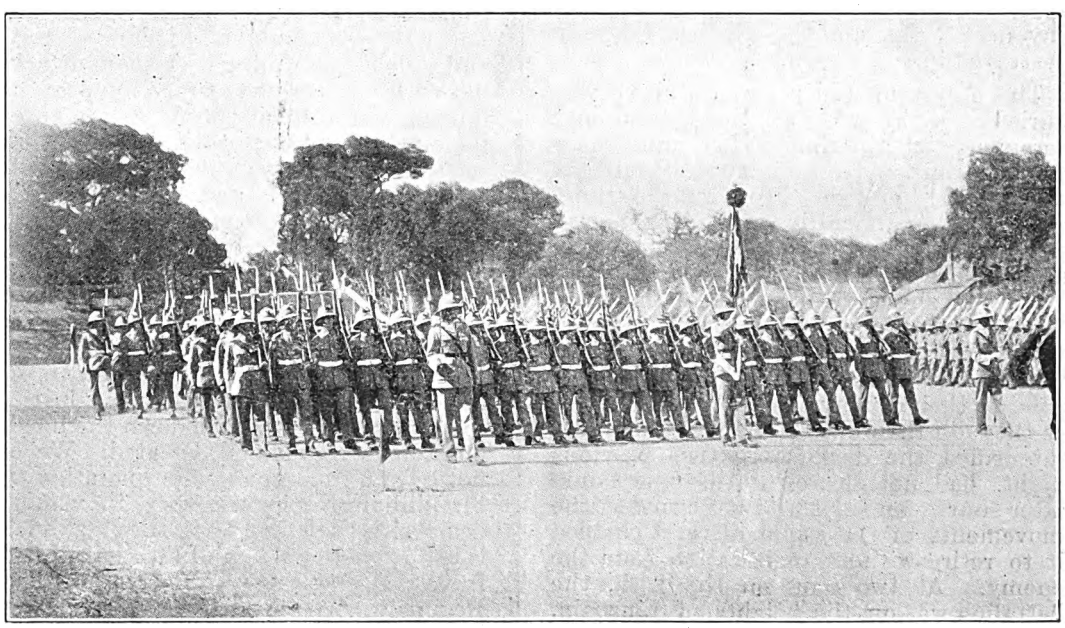
Quick March "For Flag and Empire".
Quick March "Dinahs Delight".
The Assembly "Coeur de Lion".

Band and Drums.

Slow March "Scipio".
Slow March "The Colours".
Quick March "The Great Little Army".
Quick March "The British Grenadiers".
Slow March "Mollendorf's Parade March".
Slow March "Dover Castle".
Quick March "The British Grenadiers".
"The Minden March".
Quick March "The British Grenadiers".
Quick March "The British Grenadiers".

In the afternoon cricket matches were held at North Front.

In the evening the Officers celebrated the



MINDEN DAY GIBRALTAR 1929.

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occasion in the usual way and for the first time since the war there were no newly joined Officers to eat a rose.

The members of the Serjeants' Mess spent a very enjoyable evening with their numerous guests by having a smoking concert.

Greetings were exchanged with the other Minden Regiments, the 12th, 23rd, 25th, 37th and 51st Regiments of Foot, now the Suffolk Regiment, Royal Welch Fusiliers, King's Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Bn. the Hampshire Regiment and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Greetings were exchanged with all Battalions and Depot XX. The Colonel of the Regiment and fifty seven past and present Officers of the Regiment.

History of the Regiment.

(Continued from No. 13 G.G.)

In his despatch, dated Linzoain, July 26th, 1813, Marshal Soult represents the French regiment as having made the bayonet charge, and the XX being nearly destroyed in consequence!

The Adjutant (Lieutenant Buist) was buried at night, with all the honour and ceremony that the time and circumstances would permit, and at midnight the regiment was ordered to retire. From want of transport, and the difficulties of a night march in a mountainous district, it was impossible to move the wounded with the regiment; they were, therefore, placed near the camp fires, a card being attached to each, with a few words written thereon, committing him to the mercy and aid of the French, who, to their honour, treated our wounded as they did their own. The fog, which had intensified the darkness of the previous night, had not cleared until some hours after sunrise on the 26th; it shrouded the movements of the regiment, and enabled it to retire without molestation from the enemy. At two p.m. on the 26th, the battalion was on the heights of Linzoain, and halted there until midnight, when the retreat was resumed through the Tubiri valley, and at noon on the 27th a position was taken up on a rocky ridge near Zabaldica, and commanding the road to Huarte, and within sight of Pampeluna.

During the afternoon of the 27th, the regiment moved about a mile in advance of the position of the morning, piled arms, and bivouacked for the night. About midnight a terrific thunderstorm raged, accompanied by wind and rain; the men were wet through, as they lay without covering. On the morning of the 28th, the XX was in line of battle, on the left of the British position, which was on a rugged height overlooking the Lanz river and the road to Villalba: immediately in their front was a small chapel held by the 7th Cacadores (Portuguese). The battle of Sorauren, which now began, was an affair of some importance, and the part taken in it by the XX was as follows.

About noon, a column of the enemy forced its way up to the chapel; the Portuguese at once fell back, but were rallied by Major-General Ross, and, together with the XX, charged the French with a shout that rang through the hills above the rattle of the musketry, and sent them tumbling down through the woods in indescribable confusion. But the position of the enemy was a strong one, and difficult of access, and quickly reforming they again attacked, but were a second time repulsed and broken. Additional columns now appearing on the right of the XX, it was forced to retire by the strength of the assailing masses on its front and right flank. The enemy gained the crest which had been so gallantly defended; but here the struggle was renewed with the whole brigade, and both sides were mixed together in the desperate confusion of a hand-to-hand conflict. At this moment Lord Wellington brought the 27th and 48th Regiments on to the scene, and sent them against the French, who were driven down the heights, and totally routed and defeated. We cannot refrain from giving one quotation from Sir William Napier's history, in which he deals with the struggle on the crest of the ridge before the 27th and 48th joined in the fray. He says: "The 7th Portuguese Regiment, fighting on the right of Ross's brigade, yielded to the fury of the French; a heavy body crowned the heights, and, wheeling against the exposed flank of Ross,

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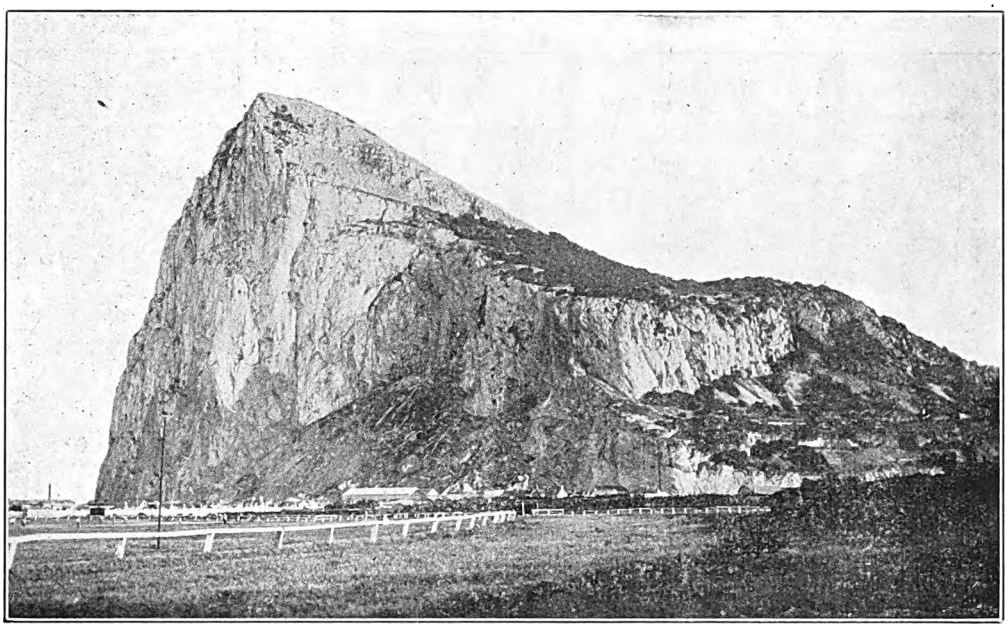
forced that gallant officer also to go back. His ground was instantly occupied by the enemies with whom he had been engaged in front, and the fight raged close and desperate on the crest of the position; charge succeeded charge, and each side yielded and recovered by turns." The loss of the XX on this occasion was Captain Murdoch McKenzie and eighteen men killed; Captains John Murray, Edward Jackson (severely), Lieutenants R. L. Lewis (severely), J. H. Bainbrigge (lost

frequently distinguished in this army, surpassed their former good conduct. Every regiment charged with the bayonet, and the 7th, XX, 23rd, and 40th Regiments, four different times. Their officers set them the example, and Major-General Ross had two horses shot under him." The despatch concludes with this paragraph: "It is impossible to describe the enthusiastic bravery of the 4th Division; and I am much indebted to Lieutenant-General Sir



THE ROCK FROM THE RACE COURSE.

right arm), C. Connor and T. Falls (severely), two serjeants and eighty-one wounded.

The following extract from the despatch of Lord Wellington, dated San Estevan, August 1st, 1813, refers to these combats: "In the actions which took place this day (July 25th), the XX regiment distinguished themselves." . . . "In the course of this contest (July 28th) the gallant 4th Division, which had been so

Lowry Cole for the manner in which he directed their operations. Major-General Ross and all the officers commanding, and officers of the regiments were remarkable for their gallantry." To Lord Liverpool he wrote: "I never saw such fighting, nor such determination as our troops showed."

(To be continued).

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Gibraltar——Historical Survey.

By Captain G. SURTEES, M.C.

Early History.

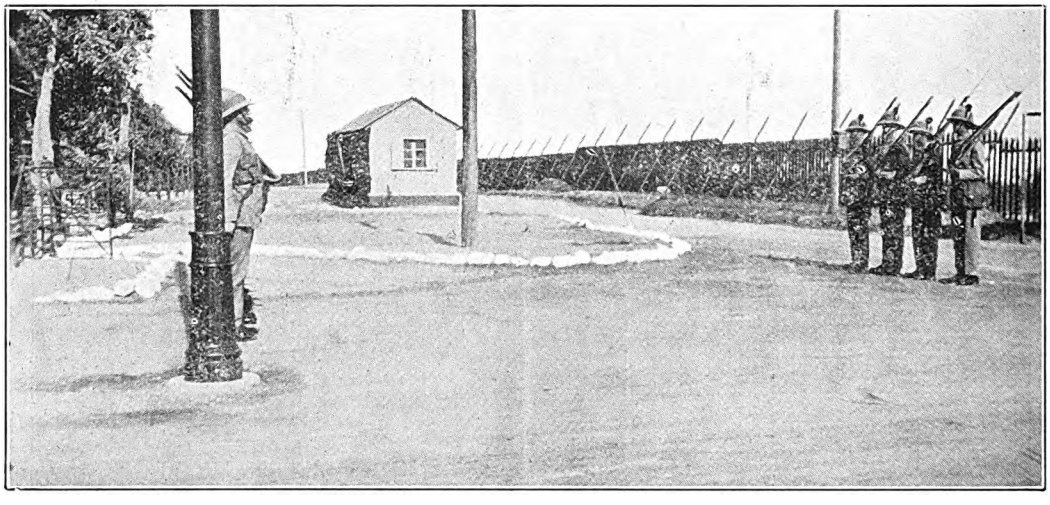
It has been established that Europe and Africa were once joined where the Straits of Gibraltar now are, and ancient legend has it that Hercules, the God of Strength, smote and severed the narrow connecting link, thus parting the two continents and leaving the Rock and Apes' Mountain, on the African coast, as memorials of his might.

vaders of southern Spain did not occupy the Rock, for they have left no trace.

Moorish Occupation.

In 711 A.D. the Moorish chief Tarik (or Tarif) landing near Algeciras seized the surrounding hills, and to make his position more secure occupied Gibraltar, starting there the defences now known as the "Moorish Castle." This work was completed in 742 A.D., and the remains still standing are ample evidence of the thoroughness of the Moors' work.

"Mons Calpe" as the Rock was then



GIBRALTAR 1929. CHANGING GUARD AT THE FRONTIER BARRIER.

The "Pillars of Hercules" as these two features were called by the Ancients, marked, for many centuries, the limit of the world as then known. Beyond stretched an unexplored sea, wherein lay the lost continent of Atlantis.

The discovery of fossil remains and ancient weapons, etc., reveals the fact that Gibraltar has been continuously inhabited since the Stone Age, whilst the skull found a few years ago has been allocated to the Neanderthal period—some 500,000 years ago.

There is however no record of habitation prior to that of the Moors, and it is probable that the Romans and other in-

called was now known as "Gebel Tarik," since corrupted into Gibraltar. Tarik, who burnt his ships on landing, rapidly overran Spain, and the Moorish occupation thus begun lasted for 7 centuries. During this time the history of Gibraltar is bound up with that of Spain, and few records exist which treat of it separately. Tarik was undoubtedly the first to realise its military importance, but the true founder of Gibraltar as a fortress was a later Moorish king who, in 1161 considerably strengthened the fortifications started by Tarik.

Spain captures Gibraltar.

Gradually the different branches of the

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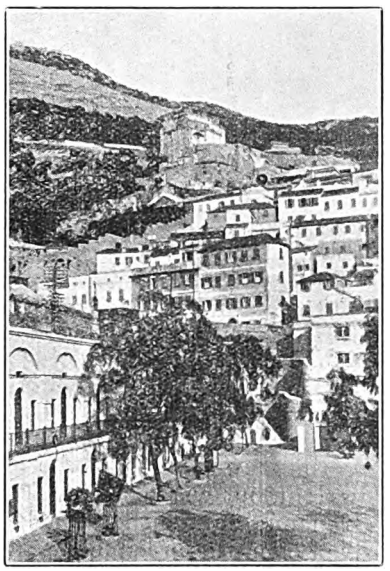
Spanish nation recovered their military power, and uniting forces drove the Moors from Spain until only Andalusia remained in Moslem hands. In 1309 King Ferdinand IV of Spain captured Gibraltar after a month's siege, and recognising its value, gave special advantages to the inhabitants; granted the town a municipal charter, rebuilt and strengthened the fortifications, and made provision for the reception of shipping in the harbour. The seal which is now used was granted by this monarch, and is significant of the opinion he held, —a castle of three towers embattled with a key pendant at the gate, indicating at once the strength of the place, and its relationship to the rest of his dominions.

For some time after this the Gibraltarians lived perilous lives being constantly subject to raids by Moors.



Casemates Barracks and Moorish Castle.

In 1315 a force of Moors, after suffering defeat in an attempt to capture a Spanish convoy, invested Gibraltar rather than return empty-handed, and only raised the siege when the Spaniards were considerably reinforced.

Retaken by Moors.

In 1333 took place the 3rd siege. The Spanish Governor had enriched himself at the expense of the fortress, which in consequence was poorly supplied and inefficiently garrisoned. The Moors, hearing of this, besieged the place and captured it after five months. The avarice of this governor appears to have gone to peculiar lengths, for he fattened his prisoners at the expense of his own men, in order to gain larger ransoms should the Moorish siege have failed.

In 1334 the Spanish king unsuccessfully endeavoured to recapture the Rock, but after a long siege the Moors agreed to pay an annual tribute for their retention of the place. In 1349 he again attacked, but the siege was raised on the death of the King from plague. The sixth siege (1410) is of little interest as the issue lay between warring parties of Moors.

Spain recaptures Gibraltar

In 1435 a Spanish nobleman with large estates in the neighbourhood endeavoured to regain possession of the fortress, but his attempt ended in dismal failure. At this time the Moorish domination of Spain was declining, and dissensions were rife in Gibraltar itself. The fortifications had been neglected, and in 1462 a Moor converted to Christianity, betrayed the internal conditions, so inducing the Spanish Governor of Tarifa to endeavour to capture the place by a surprise attack. This failed, but as the result of the siege which followed, the Spaniards regained possession on St. Bernard's Day, St. Bernard thus becoming the patron Saint of Gibraltar.

In 1465 the city and fortress were granted to the Duke of Medina Sidonia, but he had first to capture them by siege (the ninth) before he could obtain possession from their former captor. In 1474, when Ferdinand and Isabella succeeded to the throne of Castile, they endeavoured to deprive the duke of Gibraltar, but it was not until 1502 that they were able to do so. Shortly after relinquishing the

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Rock the Duke of Medina Sidonia attacked the town and laid siege to it for a year, but in vain. This—the tenth—was the only bloodless siege, at the end of which the duke was compelled to pay for all the damage done.

The reconstruction of the fortress was now undertaken by the Spaniards, the work being mostly done by convicts. The need for additional safeguards was clearly shown in 1540 by its capture and plunder by Corsairs, who ravaged the city, carrying off many prisoners. The Spanish fleet, however, intercepted the raiders on their way home, and released some 800 captives.

The Emperor Charles V of Spain, a grandson of Ferdinand and Isabella, continued the work of reconstructing, and many of his fortifications are traceable to-day, e. g. the Landport Gate and ditch, and the wall still known as King Charles V wall. In 1618 the old mole (now North Mole) was strengthened, and the new Mole (now South mole) was started in 1620 for the protection of the harbour.

Capture by the English. (11th Siege).

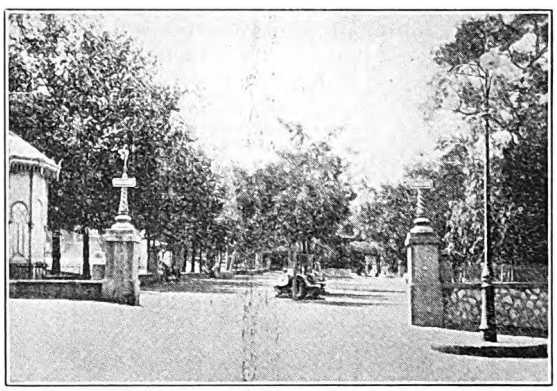
Although the fortifications had been carried out with such zeal that the place was considered impregnable, the garrison in 1704 was very weak and stores few, as the Spanish resources had been diverted to more pressing needs of the War of the Spanish Succession, in which England, Austria and Holland were allied against France and Spain.

Accordingly an English fleet which unexpectedly appeared on July 21st 1704 under Sir George Rooke and Sir Cloudesley Shovel, with some Dutch troops under Prince George of Hesse, had little difficulty in capturing the Rock after three day's siege.

The garrison surrendered with the honours of war, being allowed three days in which to depart with their property. Those who chose to remain were promised full civil and religious rights, but the bulk of them withdrew to the village of San Roque, which they enlarged chiefly from the ruins of the Roman city of Carteia close by.

To this day the people of San Roque are officially described as the inhabitants of Gibraltar resident at San Roque, while the Governor of Algeciras is also the Governor of the "Campo of Gibraltar."

The capture of Gibraltar was at once disputed, for within three months a combined Spanish and French force of 17,000 men assisted by the French fleet laid siege, but at the end of six months the attempt was abandoned after a loss of 10,000 men. This, the 12th siege is noteworthy for a brave effort of 500



KINGSWAY——ALAMEDA.

Spaniards who climbed the precipitous eastern side of the Rock, and hid in St. Michael's Cave. Scaling King Charles V's Wall they surprised the guard at Middle Hill, but were counter-attacked by the Grenadiers, and either killed, captured or driven over the precipice.

In 1711 the Peace of Utrecht ended the War of the Spanish Succession, the Rock and fortress being formally ceded to England "In all manner of right for ever."

The 13th Siege

Spain then made many attempts to regain the Rock by diplomatic means, and finally demanded its formal restitution with the understood alternative of war

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England preferred war, and the attack began in January 1727. But although the Spanish trenches were pushed forward with vigour, and the forts of San Felipe and Santa Barbara (24 guns each) were constructed, the siege was doomed to failure from the start, since command of the sea enabled England to supply and reinforce the garrison at will.

Soon after this considerable dissatisfaction arose at home regarding the cost of maintenance of Gibraltar, and negotiations continued for its return to Spain. But the requirements of British naval supremacy and commercial enterprise necessitated its retention. Since the evacuation of Tangier in 1684 the need of a harbour and base in the western Mediterranean had been severely felt, and now that Gibraltar fulfilled this want no ministry dared propose to abandon it.

The Great Siege. (1779-1783).

The outbreak of war between Great Britain and her American colonies gave Spain another opportunity to attack the Rock, and on July 5th 1779 began the 14th siege which lasted until 12th March 1783. At this time the Governor was General Elliott (afterwards Lord Heathfield), and Gibraltar although garrisoned, supplied and armed very insufficiently for a siege of the magnitude now impending, was less badly off than it might have been in less able hands.

The British garrison at the outset numbered some 5400, of whom 1000 were Hanoverians, and was reinforced by 1000 men in March 1781, and 1600 men in October 1782. A naval squadron under Admiral Duff also assisted in the defence.

The Spanish army was some 28,000 strong, and the French 33,000, the combined forces being under the command of Duc de Crillon.

The first shot was fired by the Spaniards on July 11th, and on the 16th the fort was blockaded by a strong naval squadron off Algeciras, the original intention being to starve the garrison into surrender. Fire from the Rock was not opened until September 13th, when the first gun was fired by a lady.

Provisions soon became scarce, but the daring running of privateers brought supplies and also news. Prices soared, rice being £3 12 6d. per cwt., potatoes £7 10 6d., and a goose worth a guinea.

In January 1780 Admiral Rodney fought his way through with a fleet, escorting a large convoy. This relief was only just in time, and without it the garrison must have surrendered.

About this time the British Government disgracefully opened negotiations for the cession of the Rock, but fortunately these proved fruitless.

Scurvy soon became rife, and during the siege accounted for more casualties than the enemy's shot, but this scourge was alleviated by the chance capture in 1780 of a ship containing a cargo of lemons, which lasted till the end of the siege.

Although the besiegers relied mainly on starvation for their success, their trenches were pushed close to the Rock on the northern side; their artillery fire was at times intense, and light gun-boats came close in at night, and fired with great effect.

In April 1781 a fleet under Admiral Darby forced an entrance at a time when the garrison were in the direst straits for food. The Governor himself, by way of example, had lived for eight days on four ounces of rice per day. This relief was the signal for an intense bombardment which lasted six weeks, during which over 70,000 shot and shell fell into the place, killing 70 of the garrison, and almost entirely destroying the city.

The Sortie

In November 1781 the Governor decided to make a night sortie in strength to destroy the enemy's advanced works. All arrangements were most carefully worked out, and complete surprise was achieved. The assaulting force consisted

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of all the grenadiers and light infantry of the garrison, together with two complete regiments; 100 artillery and engineers; 200 workmen and 100 sailors—in all some 100 officers and 2000 men—one third of the total garrison. The enterprise was a complete success, the leading Spanish batteries and works being destroyed, and their magazines blown up—all with trifling loss to the attackers.

About this time no less than 700 of the garrison were sick, while the losses from April to December were 120 killed and died of wounds, 46 disabled, and 400 wounded.

The Grand Attack of 1782.

But the sortie only urged the Spaniards to further efforts. Special rewards were offered for new plans for overcoming the Rock, resulting in a scheme for a combined land and sea attack assisted by specially constructed floating batteries These were to approach to within half gunshot of the English batteries and reduce them, after which the troops were to land. Accordingly ten battering ships were fitted with inner sides of timber, the interval being filled with wet sand, in which there was also a coating of cork to prevent splinters. The sand was kept wet by pumps in order to reduce the effect of our red hot shot, while roofs of hides protected the gun crews. In all, these floating batteries carried some 140 guns and 5000 men, and were to be covered by the combined Spanish and French fleets comprising nearly 50 large ships, and 300 frigates and smaller craft. At the same time 40,000 men supported by 200 guns were to be ready to take Gibraltar by storm from the land side as soon as opportunity offered.

Meanwhile the Governor strengthened his defences, and the garrison, which at this time numbered some 7,000 effectives and 96 guns, carried out practice with red hot shot. On September 8th 1782 the guns opened with red hot shot on the Spanish batteries with such good effect that the latter replied by firing 5,500 shells in the next 48 hours.

At 7 a.m. on the 13th of September the ships got under way, and there began a simultaneous attack by land and sea on a scale hitherto unprecedented in the annals of sieges. Four hundred pieces of artillery were in action, the British concentrating their fire on the battering ships. Throughout the morning the issue was in doubt, but during the afternoon the red hot shot began to tell, and by the evening many of the ships were in distress. Fire continued in the darkness, and by the early hours the battering ships were mostly *hors de combat*. About dawn two blew up, and by noon all had either blown up or burnt, the Marine Brigade from Gibraltar gallantly rescuing many of the crews.

So ended the great attack, the outcome of three years combined effort, of stupendous labours, and of the expenditure of millions of pounds, and thousands of lives. The garrison lost some 1230 men, while the enemy lost not less than 6000. Soon afterwards an English fleet under Lord Howe came in with supplies and stores, and on 16th Oct. the enemy camp began to break up. Thereafter the siege continued more in form than in fact.

A few minor engagements took place in the bay, and an attempt was made to blow up part of the Rock on the north side. On the 12th March 1783 General Elliott and the Duc de Crillon met in the neutral ground and hostilities ceased. By the final treaty Minorca was ceded to Spain, and Gibraltar remained under British rule.

Incidents of the Great Siege.

Thousands of spectators, including two French princes and many of the Spanish nobility collected on the surrounding heights to witnsss the certain capitulation of the fortress on Sept. 13th 1782.

The "Queen of Spain's Chair" is the name given to a rocky height overlooking the neutral territory. The story goes that during the Great Siege the Queen of Spain took her seat there vowing not to leave until the Spanish flag waved over

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the Rock. The English Governor, having heard of her vow, chivalrously ordered a Spanish flag to be flown for a minute in place of the English standard, and thus released the royal lady from her uncomfortable position.

The galleries were begun in May 1782. It is said that the Governor being anxious to prevent the enemy from recommencing work on the Willis's mine started in the previous siege, offered a reward for suggestions to bring flanking fire on the northern face of the fortress. It was realised that guns mounted on the projection known as the "Notch" would fulfil this object, but the task of getting there appeared insuperable. Serjeant Ince of the Corps of Military Artificers then came forward with a suggestion to bore a tunnel through the Rock. This was accordingly done, and when blowing an air-hole for ventilation for the miners it was realised what excellent gun positions were thus afforded. By the end of the siege the "Notch" had not been reached, but four guns had been mounted in the tunnel which is now known as "Windsor Gallery," the uppermost of the three series. The Duc de Crillon, when conducted over this gallery after the siege, remarked that the work was worthy of the Romans.

During the siege a 24 pounder—then a big gun—which had been man-handled to the top of the northern extremity of the Rock and was known as the "Rock Gun," did excellent work, though twice dismounted.

The Regiment's Connection with Gibraltar.

This dates from 1713 when, after the formal ceding of the Rock to England, the XX from Portugal was one of the three regiments selected to form the garrison. Here it remained until 1728, and thus took part in the 13thsiege.

From 1763 to 1769 the regiment was again at Gibraltar, but during this period there is of little interest to record.

In 1807 the XX, then known as the East Devonshire Regiment, was in Gibraltar for a fortnight after being shipwrecked in the Mediterranean.

The connection was then broken for nearly a century, until in 1902-5 the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers was stationed here.

Conclusion.

Since the great siege Gibraltar has enjoyed uninterrupted peace.

Immediately after the siege, work on the galleries was continued, and the whole series was probably not completed until about 1797, by which time approximately a million feet had been blasted out.

Since then the British have spent many millions of pounds on strengthening the fortress and developing the colony. The natural precipitous nature of the north and east faces has been increased by scarping to render access more impossible. In recent years batteries on the lower levels have been dismounted and replaced by modern guns higher up, whilst the harbour, on which £4,000,000 were spent, is now completely enclosed, and can, with booms across the entrances, protect a fleet of over fifty ships from torpedo attack.

The efficiency of the colony development is evidenced by the fact that although some 22,000 inhabitants are housed therein, and it is thus one of the most thickly populated places in the world, it is not unhealthy.

Serjeants' Mess Letter.

THE present idea of getting the Sjts. Mess letter into print, may be good. but. .... However, here goes. Since the last issue of the *Gazette* we have had Minden Day with the usual ceremonial of Trooping the Colour. In the opinion of our guests, which included Ex. Colour Sjt. Rhodes who served in the Battalion for a number of years, the parade was quite

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satisfactory. Later in the day we had a Smoker, which was well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, Charlie and Joe being in great form.

On 26-8-1929 we had a day out. All members with wives and families proceeding to Cork Woods by Char-a-banc, thanks largely to the Entertainment Committee a most enjoyable day was spent by all. A Soccer match, Married *versus* Bachelors was voted a draw. The donkey Derby resulted in a considerable amount of bumping and boring, and we advise the ladies particularly, to go in for riding lessons before the next event of this kind.

Another very pleasant evening was spent on 3-7-29 when we entertained the W.Os. and P.Os. of H.M.S. *Devonshire* to a Smoker. During their stay in Gib., we have made many fast friends and are looking forward to renewing acquaintances at some later date.

We welcome Mrs. Starling, who joined us on 18th September and trust she will enjoy her stay with the Battalion.

Everyone was sorry to hear of Mrs. McEvoy's illness, and hope that the operation from which she is now recovering will prove very successful.

To Hardy and Hewitt we offer congratulations, and a hearty welcome to the Mess.

The Mess has entered teams for the Garrison Billiards League and under the Captaincy of Bill we are expecting great things. At present Snooker seems to be holding sway, and from entries in Billiards Books we are certain that some members would find it cheaper to buy a table of their own.

With so many counter attractions, and to a certain extent, lack of facilities, tennis has not been as popular as it was in Egypt. The competition for the Tennis Cup is being held on 30th September, 1929.

In the Garrison Weapon Training Meeting the Mess Teams did well, but only succeeded in being placed. We heartily congratulate the winners of the two Cups.

Old soldiers never die, but it is with regret we see them keep fading away. By the time this appears in print, Danny Miner will have left us after serving nearly 22 years in the Regiment, most of which has been spent in the 1st Battalion He will be missed by all, but it is a pleasure to know that he is going to a good post in Civilian life, and that this was made secure through the very kind and strenuous efforts of one of our old 1st Battalion Officers Major R. Haworth, M.V.O., D.S.O., at present Commanding O.T.C, Stowe School. C. S. M. Miner, Mrs. Miner and boy take with them the very best wishes for the future from all members.

"J".

Corporals' Mess Letter.

(North Front).

This is in retaliation to previous contemporaries of our domicile, now at South Barracks.

The Canteen manager moans the loss of two recent members of the Mess. He can't make as much off the "Tops" since their retirement. However, our good and sincere wishes follow them.

The first noteworthy occurrence was a billiard match between Long (Señorita Buena Noche) and William the Red. The game was 1000 up and Willie lost by over 200, due to his opponent's table patter—so Willie said.

Next we visited South Barracks Cpls. and walloped them 5-1; at billiards of course. Truly we are all....., I mean we are adepts in ball control, cuemanship and table technique. South would be well advised to commence learning the rudiments of the game by playing with lemonade bottle stoppers and picking up tips from four year old "Caleanters."

We have a football team, at least, we play with a football. Well enough to beat the Civil Police in a friendly match 4—3. We never knew we had such deadly enemies until we wanted a ball. A full description of the match would be tedious but a few noteworthy points were gleaned from eyewitnesses (1) Lou—to straighten his trestles. (2) Blue nosed Captain to stop trapezing, (3) Clara to cease emulating the Russian Ballet. Lastly, judging from the grunts issuing from a ditch, Thomas Langan to stop picking up tips. We

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are looking forward to a good season of sports, indoors and out. The present craze indoors is skittles, at which we challenge all comers.

In conclusion we offer our sincere congratulations to the C.O. on his recovery and return to the Battalion, and wish the Adjt. a speedy recovery from his operation.

"CHECKS."

Corporals' Mess Letter.

(South Barracks).

Before commencing to talk about ourselves we wish to convey a hearty welcome to the Colonel on his return to take up his duties as C.O.

Since the last issue of the G.G. a change over has taken place and "A" and "B" Companies have moved from North Front so as to allow "D" and "C" (M.G.) to take a part in the "Shove-Ha'penny League" of the Neutral Ground.

South Barracks is not so good as the North, hill climbing being a speciality.

Our Billiards Handicaps have taken a back seat, although we have spent one convivial evening in company with our confreres from the Frontier. On this occasion we regret to state that though there ARE six pockets on the table, Bleasdale was working overtime.

The "Civvies" are getting rather out of hand and will no doubt rejoice to hear that a platform is being placed round the table.

A team of five is being entered in the local League and we hope they will be able to give a very good account of themselves in all matches.

At the time of writing "South" is playing with "North" at Football and our special Correspondent will very likely provide a report for the next issue.

Chess has now become very fashionable and several of the members are quite proficient.

One or two of our shining lights are in hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

C.Q.M. Harvey, Sjt. Woodcock, C.S.M. Campbell, C.S.M. Cusack, Sjt. Starling, Sjt. Brennan, Capt. Armitage Sjt. Maxwell, Sjt. Ainsworth.

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The "Royal Printer" has not been seen in public for some time but perhaps this is the cause of the rise of War Bonds.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new members of the Mess and congratulate Sjt. Hardy and Cpls. Chetham, Higson, Halligan and Humphreys on their promotion.

In conclusion we congratulate Cpl. Keane on having won the bronze medal given for the best score obtained during the firing of the Annual Weapon Training Course.

We hear that Edgar Wallace is engaged in finding the crook who burst the ball. He thinks that the culprit is one of the South Barracks crowd.

Signals' Letter.

North Front air is not very conducive to journalism, but having commenced we will try to give a faithful account of the movements of this so-called intelligence (?) branch.

Now that the annual test is drawing near all time is taken up with the flickering of Lucas products and the waving of 2 square feet of bunting.

Under our care nestle the saintly "Dumper" and "Massa", who are intent upon smelling Yorkshire Moors and tasting Yorkshire Ale, before the battalion arrive in England—good luck to them both.

In our opening "Soccer" match the impossible happened—we won 2-8.

Sammy the wee is heartily grousing about the lack of co-operation, he says the teammates clung to the leather like a Scot clings to "Bawbees".

We offer our sincere congratulations to Lieut. Garratt on his promotion and hope soon to have him with us again.

Since last writing, "D" Company have parted with an old friend, we add our best wishes for his future.

The fateful date falls for us during Nov. and it remains to be seen as to whether past performances will be upheld.

"SIGNALS".

Band Letter.

HERE we are, three months nearer home and Minden Day a successful past.

We had an outing on August 2nd, spending the whole day at Cork Woods. All enjoyed themselves and our guests vow they had never spent such an enjoyable day.

By winning the water polo, "Brass" is the first name on the "Nevassa Shield" which the C.O. presented on Minden Day.

Water Sports are now at an end for the season and we must congratulate "C" (M.G.) Company on their sweeping successes in the Infantry Cup, a clear case of stick to your guns M.G.

The Regiment seems to be losing all the old soldiers, and now that C.S.M. Miner has left we are wondering what "D" will do without their Daddie.

Since our last letter, many of the Band have been languishing in hospital, Bds. McIntosh has just recovered from the effects of too much donkey riding; Ball is "in" with a bad attack of Gastritis; McGarry has had Tonsilitis, and Flood is being flattened up for Christmas. Steve is now making a mess of the Grapes, after successfully coming through an operation for Appendicitis.

Football and Hockey are now coming into their own and we have opened up with a soccer match with the Wireless Station which resulted in a draw.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Band Corporal J. Halligan, Bds. Hobson, Chadwick, Charlesworth, Coleman, Eachus, McIntosh, S. Baxter and McGarry on their promotion and appointments.

The Adjutant has had a successful operation and we are pleased to hear he is going well towards complete recovery.

The B.M. has taken on for another year, so all is well with the Band.

Yours as B 4.

FLAT PITCH.

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DRUMS' LETTER

Now that the reparations question has been settled to the satisfaction of all and sundry, and Mr. McDonald has gone to America in his endeavour to bring about disarmament, I think that we might introduce a bill which empowers us to seize, forcibly if need be, a goodly number of young, intelligent, handsome musicians, to swell our ranks which are in danger of being considerably depleted when the time—ex contingent leaves us for better or worse.

Two or three have got their jobs back again in the big house with many windows. Another couple are adopting the advice of Ben Tillet and are going back to the land, to till-it. Another is going to see (NOT SEA) how long the dole lasts, and last but not least, one is contemplating a literary career on the staff of any old Bolshie paper he can find. I wish them luck and take this advantage of repeating an old proverb "The Lord helps those who help themselves," and to keep in mind that those who are caught in the act of helping themselves are usually invited by H.M. Government to enjoy a prolonged stay at one of their numerous town or country residences.

In the Inter-Company Aquatics our swimmers failed to reveal their true form. I cannot say whether it was through their costumes getting heavy through being wet, and thus retarding their progress, or the water being warm induced them to linger on the way, but the only thing we gained was experience.

In the diving we fared much better, our spring board pair, Dmrs. Crowther and Jarrom came second to the M.G. Coy, whilst in the high diving Dmrs. Fearnley and Crowther emulated the dive of the swallow to such good effect that they finished above their rival swallowers. The same pair also won the dive in the Garrison event from a height which would have needed a lift to take me to, (look at the shape of my legs) also a parachute to bring me down again.

McMahon has returned to the Drums after a short sojourn with "D" Coy., and the band with Mac and the master of our fold will make a gallant attempt to hold the Hockey Shield again, which it would be a sin to lose after the way we have kept it clean in the past.

McMahon will also be a valuable aquisition to our football team especially will his headwork be noted.

I was asked how long it takes to learn a working knowledge of music. That obviously depends largely on the age and intelligence of the individual concerned. For instance, one who has been with us for years, a certain D.D.D., does not know the difference between a dress cord and a discord. On the other hand, one of the young hands can play any tune almost before the print is dry, at least he plays his version of it, which is usually accorded a very mixed reception, missiles equally as much as criticism are very often levelled at this willing youth. But genious was never honoured at home.

There is a distinct increase of weight in the fish caught in the Dockyard due no doubt to the way in which our fishermen so kindly feed them.

In conclusion, the Drums hope for a speedy recovery of the Adjutant who has at the time of writing just undergone a successful operation, and hope he will soon be back in his chair of office.

CHARMER.

No. 3 Group's Letter.

HAVING been "over-worked" since leaving Dover (England), it has been impossible for us to pen a letter, but having now slackened down, we can just find time to contribute to this number. Owing to "overwork", quite a number of "happenings" may have passed unnoticed, but we hope the Editor will excuse anything we may have missed.

The Group did exceedingly well in Aquatic Sports. In the boat races the Group had the honour of being the only team to beat the Cup winners—"The Gunners."

In Water Polo, although not winning a match, the team are to be congratulated on the sporting spirit shown in turning out for every match.

The swimming season and Aquatic Sports are now over and the Group is in training for Winter Sports, *i.e.*, Football, Hockey and Rampart Races.

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We were all very sorry to hear of Fusilier Lester's loss ("W" Beach)—it deserved a better fate!!! All the Group will join me in wishing him every success on the Dirt Track with his latest model Motor Bike.

Musical strains have been heard issuing from the direction of the Quartermaster's Stores—Some say there is a famous Welch Tenor at large?????

The Group Outing to Cork Woods, Spain, was a great success, everybody having a very enjoyable time, the "Grub Stakes" winning hands down.

As most of 3 Group will be leaving during the next three months, we wish all *bon voyage* and all the good luck in civilian life.

Congratulations to Lieut. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M., on winning the Gold Medal and Officers' Cup at the Bn. Rifle Meeting at North Front, and to Serjeant A. Hardy on his recent promotion.

"A" Company's Letter.

THE most important event this quarter was the return of Colonel Luker in the middle of July, quite recovered from his bad illness which kept him away for three months.

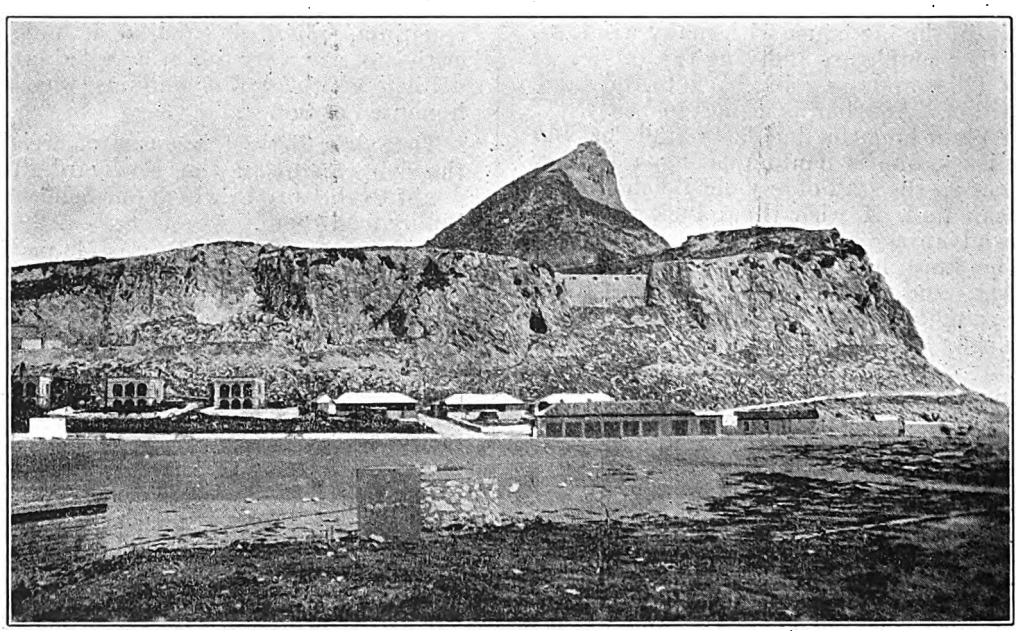
We are all very glad to see him back again and wish him the best of health in the future.

We were sorry at leaving North Front early in July but quickly settled down at South Barracks. The chief disadvantage is the distance from the Sports Grounds but we hope to return there before long.

We are now finding very large numbers of Garrison Employs and everyone is kept very busy.

This summer aquatics have taken first place in Battalion Sports and the Company took to the water with enthusiasm if not with remarkable success from the prize winning point of view.

We finished 4th in the Water Polo in



THE ROCK FROM EUROPA LIGHTHOUSE.

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both leagues. In the individual swimming Fusilier Sanger distinguished himself by winning the battalion plunge and being 2nd in the Command.

In the rowing our first team were rather disappointing and could never produce their true form.

In the 2nd league however we did quite well and finished up 3rd.

The cricket this summer has unfortunately been rather overshadowed by the aquatics. We had a bad season in the Senior League but did much better in the Junior League and have several young cricketers above the average. Fusilier Stansfield in particular nearly always made big scores in good style.

A very successful Garrison Rifle Meeting took place in September. We managed to carry off the Company Tile Competition.

We are now looking forward to the Hockey and Football season and hope to gain more successes in the field than we have on the water.

Sjt. McEvoy is still with us awaiting a passage home to the 5th Battalion. We all much regret the illness of his wife and hope for a speedy recovery.

A. N.

"B" Company's Letter.

"B" Company has maintained its usual high standard since the last *Gallipoli Gazette* appeared. To get the worst over first, we did not shine particularly at Rowing, but take this opportunity of congratulating "C" (M.G.) Company on their wonderful display. We expect to get more rowing at Catterick, where we hope to do better.

Both the Water Polo teams were quite successful and played some very good games.

We welcome Mr. Carter on being posted to "B" Company and hope that he will enjoy his stay with the Battalion.

The Garrison Rifle Meeting has come and gone (thank heavens), and we congratulate Sjt. Crossley, L/c. Clancy, Fusrs. Atyeo, Butterworth, Roberts, Dalkin, and the other prize winners on their success.

We are glad to see that our Company Commander has introduced a new sport. He thinks that fishing is good for testing the temper. We hear that he is doing splendidly up to date, his largest catch just turning the scale at half-an-ounce. (The writer of this letter is jealous).

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Christie, who has gone to help "D" Company win fresh laurels. We welcome Col/Sjt. Day on being attached to the Company, also the return of an old "B" Company Officer———Capt. Winterbottom.

Mr. Lyne has just returned from leave looking fit and ready to help us in the Athletics and Hockey. We hope he enjoyed his trip to England.

We played no inconsiderable part in the Aquatics this year, Fusrs. Meehan, McNulty, Phillips and Roberts doing particularly well. Everyone hopes that the C.S.M. and L/Sjt. James will obtain their 1st Class Certificate. They deserve to after their hard work. Football and Hockey are just beginning and we hope to make a favourable report in our next letter.

"Beer-Ko".

Machine Gun Letter.

As usual, the last few days before our quarterly letter was due we were in the same old predicament, the Editor screaming for "copy" and ourselves screaming for a few more days grace while we thought out a few lines to insert. Then we had a brain wave. We have not patented it and can recommend it to other struggling writers of Company letters.

Why write the letter ourselves we thought? When there must be plenty of talented individuals who could do it much better, and save us a lot of work. Accordingly we approached Lieut. G. B. K.—g, and said: "Sir, realising that you are an acknowledged authority on matters aquatic, don't you think that the Editor and readers of the *Gazette* are entitled to the pleasure of an article by you on how the Company won the "Infantry Cup"?

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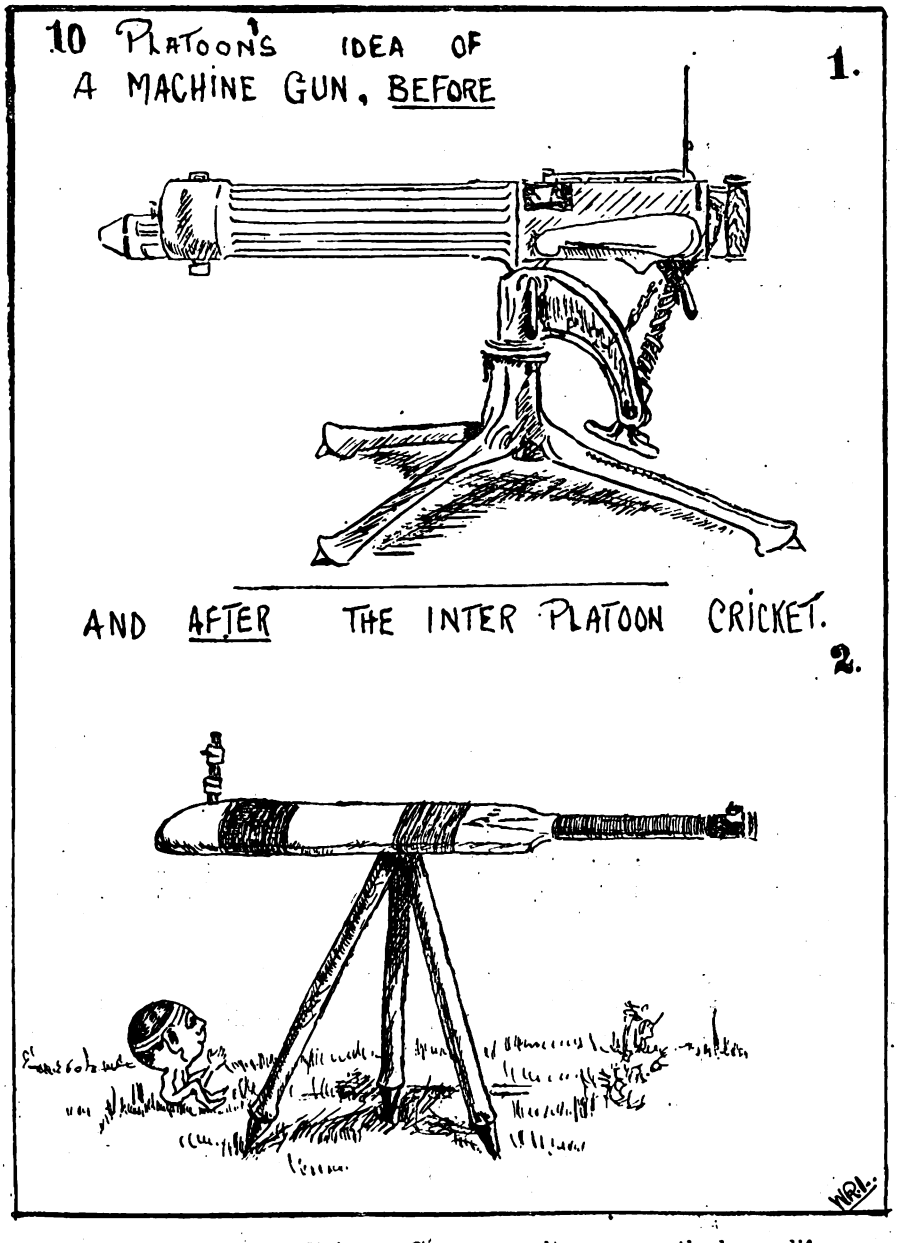
With a true "devil-may-care" attitude that distinguishes the Machine Gun Subaltern from his comrades in Rifle Companies, he at once rushed into action; and as they would say in a movie caption "Came the dawn and with it a fresh Sun flashed into the sky of Regimental journalism".

AQUATIC SPORTS by Lieut. G. B. K.—g, "C" (M. G.) Coy.

Illustrations by Pus. Wright.

We are very pleased with the results of



The inter-platoon efficiency Cup may alter our outlook on life.

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the Aquatic Sports and celebrated the winning of the Infantry Cup in true M. G. style. Someone said that the new Company had taken to the new sports like a duck to water (sorry) which, if I may say so is more or less true.

All the Company have shown great keeness and there has been great competition to represent the Company in all three branches of the Aquatic Sports, those who were unable to do so, helped us by standing on the "touch line" and shouting.

One day, I was asked "Who is the small man with the big voice?" I am not allowed to mention names but rumour has it that he can now swim 30 yards.

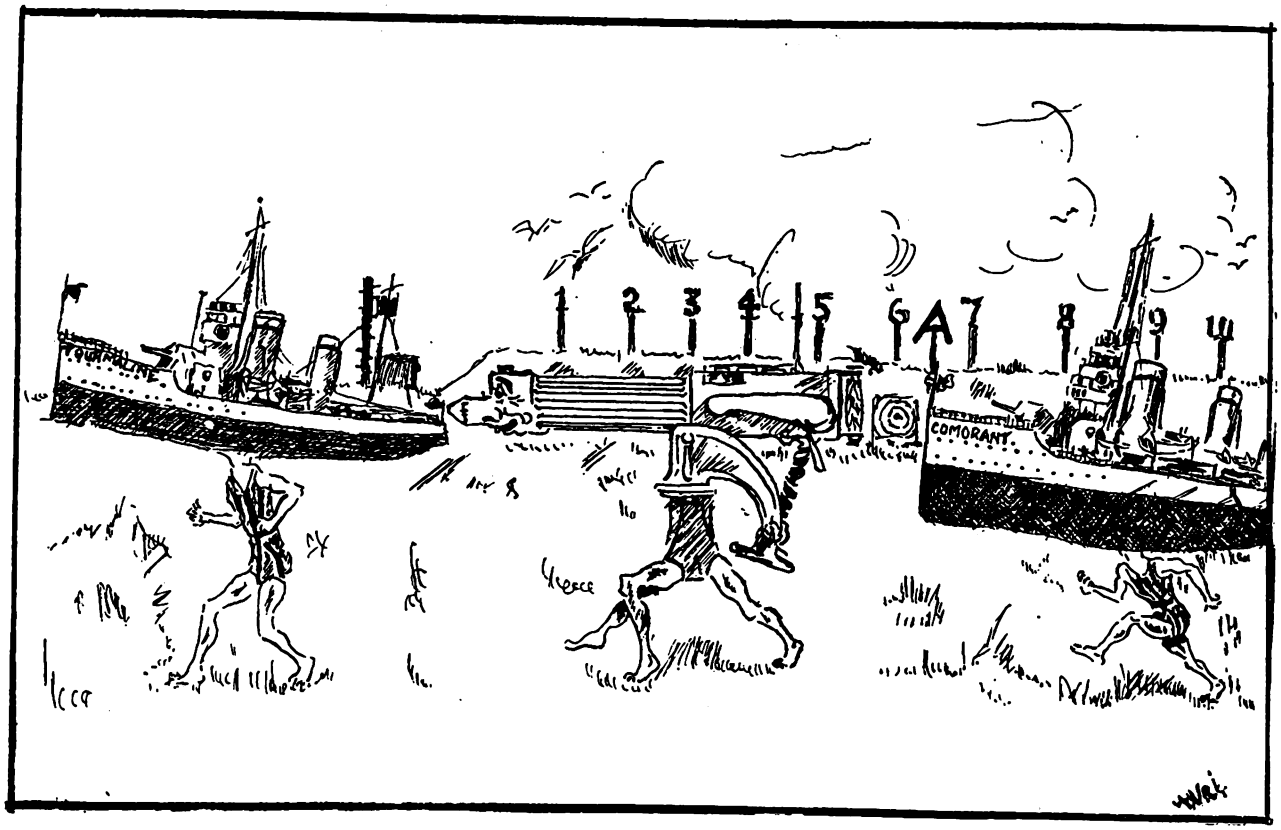
Fus. McMahon of course was a great help to us, and we thank him for his efforts on behalf of the Company, but one man does not make a team, and if the other members of the teams had not put their heart and soul in the game, we should not have done so well; so we thank them all.

At rowing all the Companies started level, and if I may say so, with due modesty, we owe our victories to sheer hard work, two crews being on the water every night, and not a member of the crew slackening, except perhaps the heaviest member of number two crew.

We sympathise with "D" Company who had so much illness which prevented them from turning out their best team, and hope they will have better luck in future.

THE END.

Flushed with our success in getting the Aquatic notes written so easily we then



We saw the *Tourmaline* off in the Tile Competition but were beaten by the *Cormorant*.

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approached Sjt. S——g, and said: "Serjeant, realising that you are an authority on matters pertaining to cricket, don't you think that the Editor and readers of the *Gazette* are entitled to the pleasure of an article by you on how we nearly won the cricket leagues?".

With a true "devil-may-care" etc., etc., he also dashed into the fray and eventually produced the following article.

COMPANY CRICKET NOTES, by Sjt. S——g. "C" (M. G.) Company.

Illustrations by Fus. J. Wright.

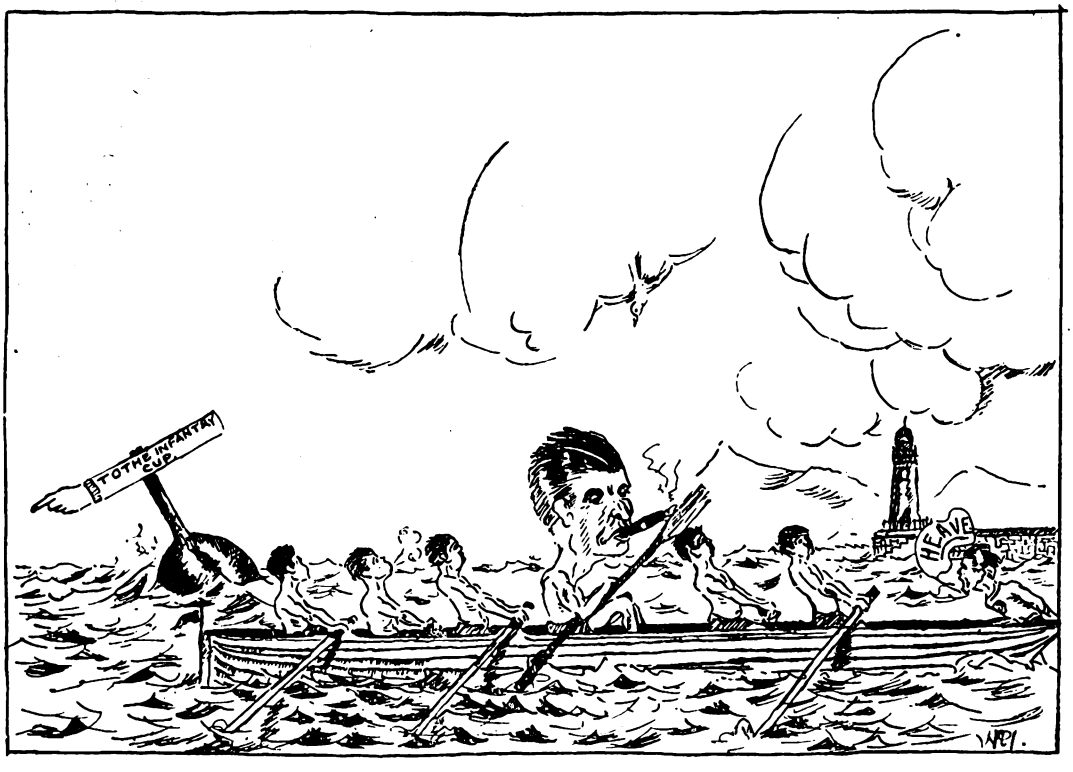
The Cricket season has been a great success, our teams having improved immensely. The 1st team tied with "B" for 2nd place, and the 2nd team tied for 1st place with "D" in their section of the league.

This is a great improvement on last year. The teams have shewn a marked improvement in their play, the keeness on the part of everyone has helped both teams considerably.

In the Small Units Cup we beat a strong Staff & Departments team in the first round, but were beaten in the second ronnd by the 27th Battery R.A.

In the inter-platoon competition the following performances are worthy of special mention; Sjt. Starling 109, Fus. Jackson 8 wkts. for 18 runs, and 8 wickets for 15 runs.

Number 10 Platoon won the competition winning both their matches. Number 9 came second winning one match. Number 11 Platoon were unfortunate in losing both



Not a member of the teams slacking, except perhaps the heaviest member of number 2 crew.

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their matches, the last match being lost by one run only.

THE END.

Having got so far with the Company letter without any effort on our part we thought of ringing up the Garrison Adjutant (who in less troubled times commands 10 Platoon) and asking him for a snappy article to round off the letter; on second thoughts we decided to postpone our request until he starts work again.

At the moment of going to press we are busy on pre-classification shooting, and hope to do fairly well with the aid of our new class.

The past quarter has been very hectic, but also very enjoyable. The Company is settling down, and we are endeavouring to the best of our ability to emulate the example set by our predecessors the "Minden Company".

The Commanding Officer in presenting the Infantry Cup and Medals, gave us some very encouraging words, and we hope to live up to them.

It would be very unfair to conclude without a word of praise for "H.Q." 1 & 3, who gave us a hard tussle in the rowing, and did so well by putting a team in for the Water-Polo, when it was obvious that they were very hard put to find the team.

In the Aquatics we were just as much surprised as others, we had no idea that we possessed so much talent as we had not had the opportunity before of trying them out.

Capt. H. M. Dodson has returned from Netheravon and leave, and we are expecting him to lead our Hockey team to a few victories in the next few weeks.

Lieut. G. B. King, is very busy passing his promotion examination, we wish him the best of luck.

At the Garrison and Battalion Weapon Training Meetings some of the Company won a little cash, but none of the major prizes came our way.

We had hopes of getting amongst the winners in the tile competition in the Garrison Meeting but fate decided otherwise. We saw the *Tourmaline* off in the first round, but were chased off the range ourselves by the *Cormorant*.

We are indebted to Fus. Wright for the artistic embellishments that adorn this letter. It is only quite recently that we discovered that the Gunners sheltered an artist. We can promise him plenty of work while he remains with us.

In conclusion we take this opportunity of wishing all Lancashire Fusiliers past and present, the old but sincere wish for a very Merry Christmas and prosperity in the coming year.

"GUNS."

"D" Company's Letter.

Once more we send a few notes on the "doings" of our Coy., since the last number, which the Editor aptly named "Minden Number."

Cricket has finished and we did very well, winning the 1st League and tieing for the 2nd, with "C" (M.G.) Coy. to whom we offer our congratulations on their success. Our outstanding players were, of course, the old pair L/Sjt. Whitworth and Fus. Blythe. "Duffy" must be included for his consistency. We also reached the Semi-Final of the Small Units, but lost to the Royal Signals team, for whom Capt. McDonald and Q.S.M. Harris played a brilliant game.

Rowing, Water Polo and Swimming have been in full swing during the interval, "C" winning the Beaton Shield for the best company in Aquatic Sports. We heartily congratulate the "Gunners" on their successes which are certainly overdue. Cpl. Keane, Fusiliers Melling, Pasquill and Quinn, were the outstanding performers at swimming, while Melling, Pasquill, L/Cpls. McGladdery and Lawrence did well at Water Polo.

Rowing for the Infantry Cup took place during the month of September. Again we tied with "C" (M.G.) in the 1st League but lost to them in the row off for the Silver Spoons given with the Cup. Our 2nd Crew was slightly handicapped through changes at the last moment and finished 4th in the table.

The absence of L/Sjt. Hart and L/C. Ratcliffe was much felt both in Rowing and Water Polo. We congratulate L/Sjt. Hart, L/Cpl.

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McGladdery and Fus. Melling on obtaining their Colours in the various sports.

Life Saving has been taken seriously by members of the Company and a few attached men, the various successes obtained being :—

2 Teachers' Certificates.

12 Bronze Medallions,

16 Proficiency Certificates.

17 Elementary ,,

In all the Swimming, Rowing and Life Saving we were ably led by our Company Commander, who has helped us enormously by his personal attendance at all the various competitions and practices.

We have had a hectic time with Certificates *i.e.*, War Savings, Life Savings and First Class.

Football and Hockey seasons are upon us now and we hope to finish well in these sports in order to gain some ground on "C" (M.G.) Coy.

Our Annual Musketry Course was carried out during August and the shooting showed a great advance, especially in Lewis Gun. Our Company Commander must have discovered a new parody "Another little zero won't do us any harm."

C.S.M. Miner has left us, to look after some more boys in North Wales. We wish him and Mrs. Miner the very best of luck in their new sphere of life. We much regret their leaving. The Company saw them off at the Quayside and this was greatly appreciated by C.S.M. and Mrs. Miner. His feelings on leaving the regiment after 22 years service with it can well be imagined.

We all wish Fus. Willgoss a speedy recovery from his illness.

We welcome Mr. Gregory to the company and hope he enjoys his stay with the "Reds."

DON CO.

Weapon Training Notes.

The last quarter has been a very strenuous one in the W.T. world. Three meetings have been held and "B" and "D" Companies have completed the annual course.

In competition work we still fail to produce our best, and it is obvious that this branch of training requires much more attention if we are to do any good at Bisley next year.

In general, W.T. is most decidedly on the upgrade, the Battalion average being well over last year's, the number of marksmen being nearly three times as great as in 1928. This very welcome improvement is mainly due to the increased interest taken by all ranks in weapon training.

RESULTS OF SMALL ARMS MEETINGS.

4th (Rifle) Meeting held at North Front, Gibraltar on the 26/7/1929.

Match 4. 300 yards. Snapshooting. Scoring 4 and 3, 3 seconds exposure, 3 seconds down.

CLASS "A."

			s.	d.
Cpl. Langan	.."B" Coy.	17	10	0
Cpl. Cuffe ..	.. do.	16	8	0
C.S.M. Capon	.. do.	14	6	0
C.S.M. Miner	.."D" Coy.	14	6	0

CLASS "B."

L/c Croasdale	.."H.Q." Wing	19	10	0
Fus. Stirrup	.."B" Coy.	18	7	0
L/c Lord ..	.."D" Coy.	18	7	0
L/c Bond ..	.."B" Coy.	16	5	6
Fus. Storey	.."D" Coy.	16	5	6
Fus. Heslop	.."B" Coy.	15	5	0
L/c Bedwell	.. do	14	4	3
L/c Mycroft	.. do	14	4	3
Fus. Dalkin	.. do	12	3	0
Fus. Graveson	.. do	12	3	0
Fus. Evans	.. do	12	3	0
	Total ..		£4	7	6

Battalion Small Arms Meeting held at North Front Gibraltar, on the 9th and 10th September, 1929.

			Points
Match 1.	1st, Fus. Schofield..	"HQ"	19
Class "A."	2nd, Lt. E.A. Gordon	"D"	18
	3rd, Cpl. Cuffe.. ..	"B"	18
Match 1.	1st, Dmr. Robinson	"HQ"	17
Class "B."	2nd, Fus. Cupitt ..	"HQ"	17
	3rd, Fus. Taylor ..	"D"	11

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			Points
Match 2. Class "A."	1st, Fus. Crabbe ..	"B"	30
	2nd, Sjt. Collings ..	"HQ"	29
	3rd, Sjt. Lloyd ..	HQ"	29
Match 2. Class "B."	1st, Fus. Butterworth	"B"	30
	2nd, Dmr. Robinson	"HQ"	26
	3rd, L/c Cliffe	"HQ"	25
Match 3. Class "A."	1st, Lt. E. A Gordon	"D"	19
	2nd, L/c Urquhart..	"A"	16
	3rd, Captain G. C. Martin, M.C. ..	"B"	15
Match 3 Class "B."	1st, Fus. Lord, 13 ..	"D"	16
	2nd, Fus. Quinn ..	"D"	15
	3rd, Fus. Black ..	"A"	15
Match 4. Class "A".	1st, Lieut. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M... ..	"HQ"	19
	2nd, Fus. Jones, 77	"B"	19
	3rd, L/c Urquhart..	"A"	19
Match 4. Class "B."	1st, Fus. Cooper ..	"D"	17
	2nd, Fus. Parkinson	"D"	17
	3rd, L/c Cliffe.. ..	"HQ"	16
Match 5.	1st "D" Company.		
	2nd, "A" Company.		
Match 6.	1st, "D" Company.		
	2nd, "HQ" Wing (1 and 3).		
Match 7. Lewis Gun.	1st, Sjt. Crossley / L/c Clancy	"B"	60
	2nd, Fus. Noakes / Fus. Newall	"D"	57
	3rd, L/c Melchoir / Cpl Pope	"A"	36
	L/c Huish / Fus. Heavy	"B"	36

GRAND AGGREGATE.

1st,	Lt. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M...	"HQ"	77
	Awdry Cup and Gold Medal.		
2nd	L/c Urquhart	"A"	75
	Silver Medal.		
3rd,	Fus. Schofield	"HQ"	73
	Bronze Medal.		

Classes :—Officers.

Lieut.	J. N. Laverick, D.C.M.	"HQ"	77
	Silver Medal.		
Lieut.	E. A. Gordon	"D"	68
	Bronze Medal.		

W.O's and Serjeants.

L/Sjt.	James	"B"	67
	Silver Medal.		
Sjt.	Lloyd	"HQ"	65
	Bronze Medal.		

Cpls. and L/Cpls.

L/c	Urquhart	"A"	75
	Silver Medal.		
L/c	Lord	"D"	66
	Bronze Medal.		

Fusiliers.

Fus.	Schofield	"HQ"	73
	Silver Medal.		
Fus.	Storey..	"D"	62
	Bronze Medal.		

BEST SHOT BADGES.

The firing competition for Battalion Shot took place on the 26th September.

A very strong oblique N.E. wind kept the scores down and made conditions generally unpleasant.

The scores were :—

	Rifle	L.A.	Total	
Cpl. Keane, "D" Coy. ...	41	46	87	= Best shot Cpls. and Fusiliers Coy. Shot.
Sjt. Crossley, "B" Coy. ...	28	54	82	= Best shot Sjts. and L/Sjts. Coy. Shot.
L/c. Lord, "D" Coy. ...	42	30	72	
Sjt. Morris, "A" Coy. ...	29	30	59	
Fus. Wright, "A" Coy. ...	37	18	55	
L/c. Melchoir, "A" Coy....	38	12	50	
Cpl. Pope, "A" Coy.... ...	24	24	48	
Fus. Ferguson, "B" Coy....	32	8	40	

By making the highest score in the Annual Course and Best Shot Competition, Cpl. Keane wins the Bronze Medal presented by the Commanding Officer.

APPLEBY CUP.

PRACTICES.

	1	2	3	Total	Placing
"D" Company	194	92	96	382	1st
"A" Company	172	84	89	345	2nd
"B" Company	186	59	95	340	3rd
2 and 4 Groups	143	72	108	323	4th
1 and 3 Groups	145	53	92	290	5th
"C" (M. G.) Company	106	46	90	242	6th

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Gibraltar Garrison Small Arms Meeting.

Gibraltar Garrison Small Arms Meeting held at North Front, 17th to 21st September 1929.

Individual Events.

In the Rifle events we did much better in Class "B" than in Class "A" and took a large share of the prize money.

In the individual revolver championship Captain G. F. Page tied with Lieut. H. F. Loftus Tottenham, Royal Engineers, for 1st place and dropped to 2nd place in the shoot off. Captain H. M. Dodson being 3rd out of 43 competitors.

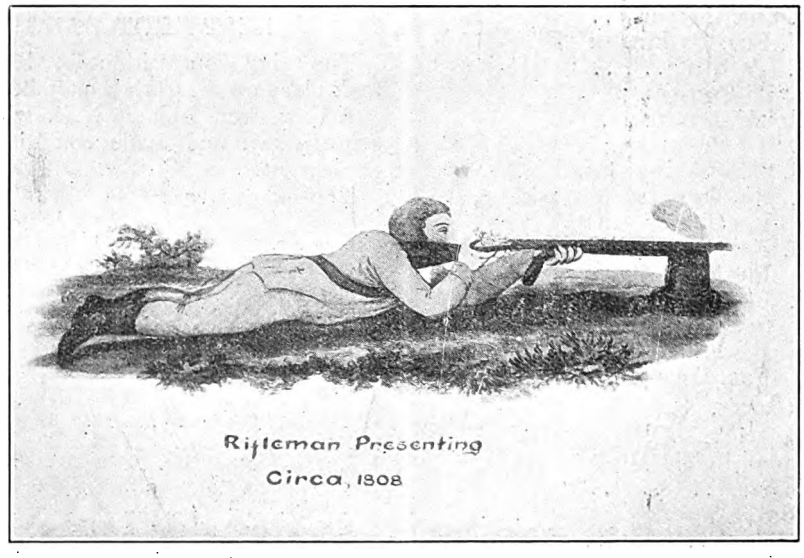
In match 9, Revolver, 6 rounds rapid, 20 yards, L/c Clancy tied with Ld. Tel. Wilkins, Royal Navy.

Team Events.

Match 10. Inter Unit, Rifle, for the Governor's Cup.

Team 6 of any rank.

1.	R.A.O.C.	266	Cup. 6 Silver Medals and £3.
2.	1st L.F.	256	6 Bronze Medals and 30/-.
3.	R.E.	253	
4.	R.N.	235	
5.	R.A.	207	
6.	R.A.S.C.	178	



Match 11. Inter Unit Officers. (Rifle).

Team of 4.

1.	1/L.F. "B"	115	Cup and 4 Silver Medals.
2.	1/L.F. "A"	106	
3.	R.E.	87	
4.	R.N.	58	
5.	R.A.O.C.	48	
6.	R.A.S.C.	33	
7.	R.A.	25	

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Match 12. Inter Unit W.O's and Serjeants. (Rifle). Team of 4.

1. R.A.O.C. .. .. 112 Cup and 4 Silver Medals.
2. 1/L.F. 75
3. 1/L.F. 73
4. R.A.S.C. 71
5. R.N. 59
6. R.E. 59
7. R.A. 55

Match 13. Lewis Gun Pairs.

1. 1/L.F. "B" Coy... 78 £3. Serjt. Crossley and L/c Clancy.
2. 1/L.F. "D" Coy... 60 £2. Cpl. Keane and Fus. Glassey.
3. 1/L.F. "A" Coy... 57 £1. Cpl. Pope L/c Melchoir.

Match 14. Revolver.
Team 6 of any rank.

1. R.E. .. .. .. 321. Six Silver Medals.
2. 1/L.F. .. .. .. 294. Six Bronze Medals.
3. R.N. .. .. .. 268.

Match 15. Ferrary Cup.
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1. 1/L.F. "A" Company. £2 10 0.
2. 1/L.F. "D" Company. £1 5 0.

Cricket Notes.

This cricket season has been a fairly successful one for the battalion, as we have won most of the friendly matches, but unfortunately were beaten in the two Cup Games.

Matches were played against the following teams.—

Staff and Depts.	Bn. won by 5 runs.
R.A. Gibraltar.	,, ,, 97 ,,
Gibraltar C.C.	,, lost by 113 ,,
,, ,,	Match Drawn.
,, ,,	Bn. won by 26 runs.
1st Destroyer Flotilla	,, ,, 2 wkts.
Eastern Telegraph Coy.	Match Drawn.

In the two cups, played for in the garrison, we were knocked out by the R.E's. in the Nicholson Cup, and by the R.A. in the Garrison Cup.

Nicholson Cup.

1st Round.

Royal Naval Depôt.	116 and 131 runs.
Battalion	282 runs.

the battalion winning by an Innings and 35 runs.

2/Lieut Bowen scored 135 runs.
Fus. Blythe took 5 wkts. for 41.
Cpl. Cuffe took 6 wkts. for 41.

Final.

R.E's.	236 and 150 runs.
Battalion.	166 and 202 runs.

Battalion lost by 28 runs.

Sjt. Kay, Fus. Blythe, and Bds. Baker making scores, Kay 66, Blythe 40 and 66, Baker 33 and 43 not out.

Garrison Cup.

In this Cup we had a bye in the first round, and met the R.A Gibraltar in the semi-final.

Scores :—

R.A. Gibraltar ... 99 and 198 runs.
Battalion ... ...120 and 173 runs.
Battalion lost by 4 runs.

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Sjt. Kay 50, Sjt. Whitworth 66, and Cpl. Pope 49. Fus. Manning taking 4 wkts. for 32 in the second Innings.

The Battalion has not been at full strength for any part of the season, this being due to leave and duty.

Capt. Winterbottom, Lieuts. Kenrick, Christie and Bowen, being on leave at different times. We have also been without Sjt. Gould, who remained in Egypt, where we hear he has had a very successful season.

We hope to be more successful in Cup Matches next season at Catterick.

Congratulations to "C" (M.G.) Coy. and "D" Coy. on their efforts in the Inter-Coy. games.

HOBBS.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

The Battalion Aquatic Sports Meeting was held on August 21st and 22nd in No. 2 Dock, H.M. Dockyard, which was kindly lent us by the Admiral Superintentdent; unfortunately this dock was not available for use until 4-30 p.m. each day, and owing to the large number of the entries for the individual events, all the diving events had to be held before tea at the Garrison Rowing Club.

"C" (M.G.) Company won both the Individual and Team Championships, "D" Company being second in the former and "B" Company second in the latter. Unfortunately a large number of entrants for the individual events did not turn up, and heats had to be made up, but even so the officials had difficulty in keeping up to the time with the programme.

The outstanding performance was that of Fus. McMahon of "C" (M.G.) Company, who won both the 100 yards and 220 yards, doing the 100 yards in 67 seconds. Considering the short time the Battalion has had in which to take swimming seriously, the times of all the finalists were very good.

The second day was devoted to team events, and here we had some exciting finishes and good races; teams consisted of four per Company, so if even one Company had one outstanding man, they had to produce three others of moderate ability.

At the conclusion of the events, the Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief kindly presented the prizes. The Battalion leaves Gibraltar before next swimming season, which is rather a pity, if the progress that has been made this year, was continued next, we should be able to produce some very fine swimmers.

The Battalion played three inter-regimental water-polo matches *versus* the R.E's, R.A., and the Navy, in the inter-unit league, and several "friendly" games against the same teams, as well as teams from ships visiting Gibraltar, but was unable to win a single game. This was not due to lack of keenness or practice, or effort, the teams that are mentioned are extremely good, and have been playing the game for five years, while this is our first real experience of how water-polo should be played.

Each time the team played they showed improvement, and our only regret is that there will be no water-polo at Catterick. L/Sjt. Hart of "D" Company was the outstanding performer, and was a great help to the side.

The inter-Company water-polo leagues were run, "B" and "D" Coy. tying for first place in the 1st League; "C" (M.G.) Company winning the 2nd League. Both Leagues produced some very close and interesting games, and with more practice and knowledge of the rules, each Company should produce two, if not more very good teams. Several "finds" and players of good promise, were discovered as a result of the League, and if the Battalion were staying in Gibraltar another year, we should be able to produce teams capable of competing with the R.E., R.A. and the Navy. In conclusion I think the Battalion may congratulate itself on the way it has taken to the water.

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TEAM RESULTS.

EVENT	A	B	C	D	1 and 3	2 and 4
Springboard Dive...	5th	4th	1st	3rd	6th	2nd
Plain Dive	4th	5th	3rd	2nd	6th	1st
200 x Relay	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	6th	5th
400 x Relay	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	6th
660 x Relay	6th	2nd	1st	4th	3rd	5th
300 x Relay	1st	2nd	3rd	6th	4th	5th
440 x Team	6th	2nd	3rd	1st	4th	5th
Final Positions	4th	2nd	1st	3rd	6th	5th

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

Springboard Dive.

1st, L/Sjt Maxwell, "C" (M.G)
2nd, Fus. Melling, "D."
3rd, Sjt. Woodcock, "C" (M.G.)
4th, Dr. Crowther, 2 and 4.
5th, Fus. Pasquill, "D."
6th, Dr. Jarron, 2 and 4.

Plain Dive.

1st, Dr. Fearnley, 2 and 4.
2nd, L/Sjt. Maxwell, "C" (M.G.)
3rd, Dr. Crowther, 2 and 4.
4th, Fus. O'Callagan, "A."
5th, Fus. Pasquill, "D."
6th, L/c. Coff, "D."

Distance Plunge.

1st, Fus. Sanger, "A."
2nd, Cpl. Langan, "B."
3rd, Dr. Fearnley, 2 and 4.
4th, Fus. Quinn, "D."
5th, Dr. Crowther, 2 and 4.
6th, Fus. Bradshaw, "D."

100 x

1st, Fus. McMahon, "C" (M.G)
2nd, Fus. Melling, "D."
3rd, Fus. Phillips, "B."
4th, Fus. McNulty, "B."
5th, Fus. Sanger, "A."
6th, Fus. Baker, 1 and 3.

220 x

1st, Fus. McMahon "C" (M.G.)
2nd, Fus. Daft, 1 and 3.
3rd, Fus. Phillips, "B."
4th, L/c. Towler, "C" (M.G.)
5th, Fus. Quinn, "D."
6th, Fus. Speakman, "C" (M.G.)

440 x

1st, Fus. Daft, 1 and 3.
2nd, Fus. Roberts, "B."
3rd, L/c. Towler, "C" (M.G.)
4th, Fus. Pasquill, "D."
5th, Cpl. Keane, "D."
6th, Fus Parker, "B."

50 x Boys Race.

1st, Boy Stamford. 2nd, Boy Berry.

WATER POLO. 1st League.

	A	B	C	D	1 and 3	2 and 4	Final Order
A		0	1	0	2	0	5th
B	2		2	1	2	2	1st
C	1	0		0	2	2	3rd
D	2	1	2		2	2	1st
1 and 3	0	0	0	0		0	6th
2 and 4	2	0	0	0	2		4th

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WATER POLO. 2nd League.

	A	B	C	D	1 and 3	2 and 4	Final Order
A		0	0	2	2	0	5th
B	2		2	0	2	1	2nd
C	2	0		2	2	2	1st
D	0	2	0		2	2	3rd
1 and 3	0	0	0	0		0	6th
2 and 4	2	1	0	0	2		4th

Below are given the total points for Lawrence Cup awarded for Aquatic Sports.

Order	Coy.	Swimming		Water Polo		Rowing		Total
		Team	Individual	1st L.	2nd L.	1st L.	2nd L.	
1	"C"	6	6	4	6	5½	6	33½
2	"D"	4	5	5½	4	5½	3	27
3	"B"	5	4	5½	5	1½	1	22
4	"A"	3	1	2	2	3	4	15
5	2 & 4	2	3	3	3	1½	2	14½
6	1 & 3	1	2	1	1	4	5	14

At a meeting of the Bn. Central Sports Committee it was decided that the Shield presented by Messrs E. E. Beaton & Co. Ltd. the Sports Outfitters of London, should be allotted to Aquatic Sports and be known as "The Inter Company Aquatics Challenge Shield," and is to be held each year by the Company obtaining the best record in all inter Company Aquatic Sports.

Accordingly the shield this year has been won by "C" (M.G.) Coy., who are to be heartily congratulated on a well deserved and outstanding success in obtaining no less than 33½ points out of a possible 36.

ROWING.

"July Oar".

At the time the article which appeared in the Minden Number was written, crews were in practice for the "July Oar".

For this event each company and H Q. Wing entered two crews, and the draw was "seeded" to place 1st crews together, and 2nd crews together.

"C" (M.G.) Coy. 2nd crew and "A" Coy. 1st crew reached the semi-final, the former after defeating "B" Coy. and H.Q. Wing 2nd crews, and the latter after beating "D" Coy. and "C" (M.G.) Coy. 1st crews.

In the semi-final "C" (M.G.) Coy. 2nd crew were defeated by Royal Signals and "A" Coy. 1st crew by 27th Battery R.A.

"August Oar".

This event was open to crews composed of officers and members of Serjeants' Messes. There were four entries from the Garrison, and the battalion crew lost in the 1st round to the ultimate winners.

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"Inter-Regtl. Challenge Cup".

The training of the battalion crew for this event was sadly hampered by the two Water Polo Leagues, for practically all the crew were water polo players. This was unavoidable, as at the wish of the remaining units in the station, the event was held three weeks earlier than was originally scheduled.

However the battalion crew and also a reserve crew went into training for a fortnight, but little serious practice was possible with men who had already played in a water polo match the same evening. Great credit is due to the members of the reserve crew, who under Mr. King, turned out daily in case individuals were wanted in the battalion crew. The Commanding Officer, in Battalion Orders, expressed his appreciation of this sportsmanlike effort, and in the result two of the reserve crew were promoted to the Battalion Boat at the last minute to replace casualties.

In the event the Battalion, by drawing a bye in the first round, and defeating the Royal Signals in the semi-final, reached the final, when they were easily defeated by the R.A., a very good crew who had been in continuous training for 3 months.

"Rowing Colours".

The following were awarded rowing colours for 1929:—

L/c. Hewitt ...	(Cox)	"C" (M.G.) Coy.
L/c. Melchoir ...	(Stroke)	"A" Coy.
L/c. McGladdery	(5)	"D" Coy.
Fus. Cupit... ...	(4)	"H.Q." Wing.
Fus. Tomlinson	(3)	"A" Coy
L/c Challoner ...	(2)	"H.Q." Wing.
Cpl Pope ...	(Bow)	"A" Coy.

Who represented the Battalion in the Inter-Regtl. Challenge Cup.

L/Sjt Maxwell	"C" (M.G.) Coy.
L/Sjt. Hart	"D" Coy.

Who would have been included in crew but for sickness.

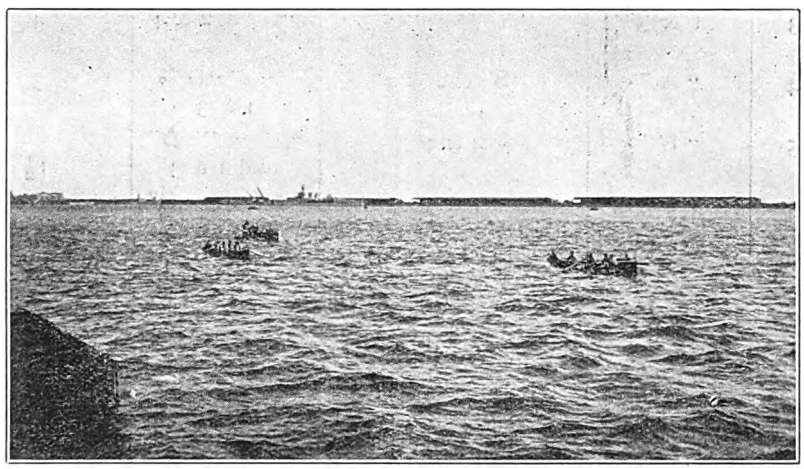
"Garrison Rowing Club Regatta".

The final of the Inter-Regtl. Challenge Cup took place at the Rowing Club's Annual Regatta, at which the battalion was well represented.

In the "Emergency Trophy" a garrison event involving a severe test of watermanship, the battalion, represented by a crew drawn from "D" Coy, were runners up. Still greater success attended us in the less serious events, for we carried off both 1st and 2nd places in the "Shovel Race" and the "Boat Tug of War".

"Infantry Cup" and "Lawrence Cup Competition".

At the meeting of the Battalion Central Sports Committee it was decided that the rowing should count towards the Lawrence



ROWING. A RACE IN PROGRESS.

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Cup in the same way as water polo, i.e. the event to be held as 2 leagues for 1st and 2nd crews, each league counting a maximum of 6 points. In was further ruled that the competition should decide the "Infantry Cup", a Garrison event confined to infantry companies and therefore purely within the battalion. The cup itself was to go to the company securing the best aggregate of points in both leagues, while the silver spoons were allotted to the winners of the 1st league, and the bronze medals to the winners of the 2nd league.

Accordingly the 2 leagues were held from the 16th to 20th and 23rd to 27th of September, three races being rowed each evening. Thus each crew was called upon to race on 5 consecutive days, the course being approximately ½ mile. The weather was favourable throughout and some very good races were witnessed, great enthusiasism being shown. In each league interest was maintained up to the last, for in the 1st league "C" (M.G.) Coy. having defeated "D" Coy., were regarded as certain winners, but were unexpectedly beaten on the last evening by "H.Q." Wing 1 & 3

1st LEAGUE.

Order	Company	Beat	Lost to	Points towards Lawrence Cup
1	"C" (M.G.)	"A" "B" "D" and 2 & 4	1 & 3	5½
1	"D"	"A" "B" 1 & 3 and 2 & 4	"C" (M.G.)	5½
3	1 & 3	"A" "B" "C"	"D" & 2 & 4	4
4	"A"	"B" & 2 & 4	"C" "D" 1 & 3	3
5	"B"	2 & 4	"A" "C" "D" and 1 & 3	1½
5	2 & 4	1 & 3	"A" "B" "C" "D"	1½

2nd LEAGUE.

Order	Company	Beat	Lost to	Points towards Lawrence Cup
1	"C" (M.G.)	All others	—	6
2	1 & 3	"A" "B" "D" 2 & 4	"C"	5
3	"A"	"B" "D" 2 & 4	"C" 1 & 3	4
4	"D"	"B" 2 & 4	"A" "C" 1 & 3	3
5	2 & 4	"B"	"A" "C" "D" 1 & 3	2
6	"B"	—	All others	1

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Groups. This meant a tie for 1st place between "C" (M G.) and "D" Coys, who accordingly rowed off on the following night for the silver spoons. The result was a win for "C" (M.G.) Coy.

In the 2nd league both "C" (M.G) Coy. and "H Q." 1 & 3 Groups beat all their opponents during the first four nights' racing, and there was little to choose between their times. The issue was therefore in doubt until the fifth night, when these two crews were drawn together. "C" (M.G.) Coy. won after a good race, and so secured the bronze medals. They thus won the "Infantry Cup" which they hold for one year. This double success of "C" (M.G.) Coy., is undoubtedly a fine achievement, and thoroughly well deserved by the keenness displayed and the constant practice put in thoughout the season by the company crews under Mr. King and Mr. Leamy.

The detailed results of the leagues are given on previous page.

With the presentation of prizes by the Commanding Officer the rowing came to an end.

In retrospect the battalion can undoubtedly claim a most successful season.

Each company maintained two, and "H.Q.' Wing four crews on the water throughout, and in addition a large number of men have learned to row. No Garrison events were won, and the bronze medals gained in the "Inter-Regtl. Challenge Cup" were due to the luck of the draw. At the same time the policy announced at the beginning, viz. "To induce as many men as possible to learn to row and handle boats, rather than to concentrate on training a few crews to win Garrison events"—has been carried out.

The soundness of this policy was amply evidenced by the enthusiasm and the standard of rowing displayed during the two company leagues.

G. S.

LIFE SAVING.

It is to be regretted that the very heavy programme of Aquatic Sports and Cricket has left us but little time for Life Saving, but none the less the subject has been taken up enthusiastically in " D " Coy. with most satisfactory results, a number of men of other Companies at North Front joining their classes. All those who have found time amidst their own activities to learn this most useful work are to be congratulated, and it is hoped that their efforts may one day result in the saving of human life, or be of use to them in civil employment.

At the beginning of the season, Cpl. Long was the only man in " D " Company qualified to teach Life Saving, and so trained the first class, who, in an examination held on 13th August were successful as under :—

L/Sjt. Hart	" D " Coy.
Cpl. Keane	,,
Fus. Melling	,,
,, Butterworth ...	,,
,, Boyson	,,

Awarded Elementary and Proficiency Certificate and also Bronze Medallion.

Fus. Noakes	" D " Coy.

Awarded Elementary and Proficiency Certificates.

Two new classes were then formed under Corporals' Long and Keane, and gained awards as under at an examination held on 21st and 22nd September :—

Cpl. Long	" D " Coy.
,, Keane	,,

Awarded Teachers' Certificates.

L/C. Stell	" D " Coy.
,, McGladdery ...	,,
Fus. Carter	,,
,, Bradshaw ...	,,
,, Quinn	,,
,, Bickett	,,
,, Lightfoot ...	,,
,, Dyer	,,
L/C. Graham... ...	" C " (M.G.) Coy.
,, Towler	,,
Fus. Lester	H.Q. Wing.

Awarded Elementary and Proficiency Certificate and also Bronze Medallion.

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Fus. Davies (80) ... "D" Coy.
„ O'Keefe ... ... „
„ Ford ... ... „
L/c. Copp ... ... „
Awarded Elementary and Proficiency Certificate.

Fus. Bowers ... ... "D" Coy.
Awarded Elementary Certificate.

A further class under L/c. Stell then started, and were examined on 13/10/29, with the following results :—

L/c. Stell ... ... "D" Coy.
Awarded Teacher's Certificate.

L/c. Lawrence ... "D" Coy.
„ McKenzie ... „
Fus. Pasquill ... ... „
„ Palmer ... ... „
„ Bradley ... ... „
„ Prew ... ... "B" Coy.
L/c. Law... ... ... "C" (M.G.) Coy.
Awarded Elementary and Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medallion.

Fus. Bowers ... ... "D" Coy.
Awarded Proficieney Certificate & Bronze Medallion.
Fus. Waters ... ... "B" Coy.
Awarded Elementary Certificate.

This gives a total of :—

Elementary Certificates ...	30
Proficiency „ .	29
Bronze Medallions... ...	24
Teachers Certificates ...	3

The weather by the middle of October was too cold for further classes, but at the time of writing Corporal Keane and L/c. Stell were working for the "Honorary Instructor's Certificate."

These two N.C.O's and Corporal Long are to be congratulated on the useful work they have performed, in training their classes so successfully.

G. S.

The Trooping Programme, 1929-1930.

Below we print the conclusion of the provisional Trooping programme for 1929-30 issued by the War Office. As far as is at present known movements will be as follows:—

Nevasa.—Leave Southampton, December 10; Port Said, December 20; Suez, December 21; arrive Bombay, December 31; leave Bombay, January 7, 1930; Suez, January 17; Port Said, January 18; arrive Southampton, January 28. Drafts, U.K. to India. Details, India to U.K.

Dorsetshire.—Leave Southampton, December 18; Port Said, December 29; Suez, December 30; arrive Karachi, January 9, 1930; leave Karachi, January 16; Suez, January 26; Port Said, January 27; arrive Southampton, February 7. Drafts, U.K. to India. Details, India to U.K.

City of Marseilles.—Leave Southampton, January 7, 1930; Port Said, January 17; Suez, January 19; Colombo, January 31; Singapore, February 6; Hong Kong, February 11; arrive Shanghai, February 14; leave Shanghai, February 21; arrive Hong Kong, February 24; leave Hong Kong, February 25; Singapore, March 2; Colombo, March 8; arrive Bombay, March 11; leave Bombay, March 14; arrive Port Sudan, March 22; leave Port Sudan, March 27; Suez, March 29; Port Said, March 30; Gibraltar, April 6; arrive Southampton, April 10. 1st Cameronians, U.K. to Egypt. 2nd Green Howards, Suez to Shanghai; 2nd K.O.S.B., Hong Kong to India 2nd R. War. R., Bombay to Sudan. 2nd Lincoln R., Port Sudan to U.K., turn-over 2nd Lincoln R., Port Sudan to Gibraltar. Military drafts, U.K. to Egypt, Malaya, Hong Kong, Shanghai. R.A.F. drafts, U.K. to Malaya, Hong Kong. Military details, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Malaya, Gibraltar to U.K. R.A.F. details, Hong Kong, Malaya to U.K.

Neuralia.—Leave Southampton, January 10, 1930; Port Said, January 20; Suez, January 21; arrive Bombay, January 31; leave Bombay, February 1; Colombo, February 4; Singapore, February 10; Hong Kong, February 15; arrive Shanghai, February 18; leave Shanghai, February 25;

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Hong Kong, February 28; Singapore, March 5; Colombo, March 11; arrive Bombay, March 14; leave Bombay, March 15; Suez, March 25; Port Said, March 27; Malta, March 30; Gibraltar, April 3; arrive Southampton, April 7. 2nd Wilts. R., Shanghai to U.K., turnover 2nd Wilts. R., Shangai to Egypt. Drafts, U.K. to India, Ceylon, Malaya, Hong Kong, Shanghai. Details, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Malaya, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Malta, to U.K.; Shanghai to Egypt; Hong Kong and Malaya to Malta and Gibraltar; Malaya to Ceylon; Ceylon to Gibraltar.

Somersetshire.—Leave Southampton, Jan. 21, 1930; Gibraltar, January 26; Port Said, February 2; Suez, February 3; Port Sudan, February 6; Aden, February 8; arrive Karachi, February 14; leave Karachi February 21; Aden, February 27; Port Sudan, March 1; Suez, March 4; Port Said, March 5; Malta, March 9; Gibraltar, March 13; arrive Southampton, March 18. Military drafts, U.K. to Gibraltar, Sudan, Aden, India. Military draft (Lan. Fus.), Gibraltar to India. R.A.F. drafts, U.K. to Egypt, Sudan, Aden, India and Iraq (*via* India). Military details, India, Aden, Malta to U.K.; Aden to Malta and Gibraltar. R.A.F. details, India, Iraq, Aden, Sudan, Egypt, Malta to U.K.; Aden to Malta and Egypt; Iraq to Malta and Sudan to Egypt.

Nevasa.—Leave Southampton, February 4, 1930; arrive Gibraltar, February 8; leave Gibraltar, February 10; arrive Southampton, February 14. 1st Lincoln R. and 2nd N. Stafford R., U.K. to Gibraltar. 1st Lan. Fus., Gibraltar to U.K. Drafts, U.K to Gibraltar. Details, Gibraltar to U.K.

Dorsetshire.—Leave Southampton, February 18, 1930; Port Said, March 1; Suez, March 2; arrive Karachi, March 12; leave Karachi, March 19; Suez, March 29; Port Said, March 30; arrive Southampton, April 10. Drafts, U.K. to Egypt and India, Drafts (D.L.I.), Egypt to India. Details. India to U.K.

Nevasa.—Leave Southampton, February 25, 1930; Port Said, March 7; Suez, March 8; Port Sudan, March 10; arrive Bombay March 18; leave Bombay, March 25; Suez, April 4; Port Said, April 5; arrive Southampton, April 15. Drafts, U.K. to Sudan and India. Details, India to U.K.

Somersetshire.—Leave Southampton, March 27, 1930; Gibraltar, March 31; Malta, April 4; arrive Alexandria, April 7; leave Alexandria, April 10; Malta, April 13; Gibraltar, April 17; arrive Southampton, April 21. 1st Wilts. R., U.K. to Egypt. 1st D.L.I., Egypt to U.K. Military drafts, U.K. to Malta and Egypt. R.A.F. drafts, U.K. to Malta and Egypt. Military details, Malta and Egypt to U.K. R.A.F. details, Malta and Egypt to U.K.

GIBRALTAR

(As we were once taught).

"It's easy to learn if you travel,"
Is a saying that's only too true,
So we think our late School Instructor,
Has of late learnt a detail or two.

At Dover, he'd yarn of Gibraltar,
His map on the board coloured bright,
He little thought we'd one day tell him,
That his wonderful map wasn't right.

South Barracks was down at Europa,
While a lighthouse shone out night and *day*
From the centre of La Linea Bull Ring,
'Twould have lit up "Four Corners" we'd say.

"The Rock Apes, he said, swarmed in **THOUSANDS,**"
We got here, and found about four,
If one jolly monk, hadn't "Pegged it,"
His error could hardly be more.

The Race Course, by some fluke or other,
He seemed to have got about right,
But the scale he had drawn at the bottom,
Put the Ranges some miles out of sight.

We've now mentioned most of the blunders,
So won't carry on with the fun,
"A Dry Dock at Catalan Bay, Sir!"
Well, doesn't that just take the bun!

That much coloured map was a washout.
Though certainly very "Well Done,"
Ha! we daren't name this mighty Professor,
Or we may, in detention, be run.

"NUMB-SKULL."

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BATTALION GAZETTE.

SERVICE.

3516292 Cpl. Langan, T. "B." Extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours 29/8/29.

3434049 Bd. Mr. Miles, E. N. "H.Q." Permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for a period of 1 year from 4/11/29 under the conditions of para. 237 (c) King's Regulations.

3436831 Sjt. Ramsden, W. "B". Re-engaged for the Lan. Fus. at Gibraltar 30/9/29 for such a term as shall complete 21 years service.

3443140 Fus. Baxter, S. "H.Q." Extended his service on 10/6/29 to complete 7 years with the colours.

3434245 Fus. Smallman, A. "A". Permitted to continue in the service for such a period as will enable him to complete 21 years service from the date of attaining the age of 18 years 29/8/29.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

3437117 L/c. Hewitt, F. "H.Q." Promoted Sjt. and appointed Drum Major w.e.f. 19/7/29 *vice* Cusse.

4439091 Fus. Francis, S. "H.Q." Appointed unpaid Lance Corporal w.e.f. 14/5/29.

3434469	Fus. Urquhart, L.	"A"
3441247	Fus. Carr, F.	"A"
3442679	Fus. Sherrocks, T.	"C"
3442688	Fus. Stevens, A.	"C"
3441495	Fus. Hewitt, C.	"C"
3443090	Fus. McGauley, T.	"A"
3443017	Fus. Dudson, J.	"A"
3443113	Fus. Fish, S.	"A"
3443136	Fus. Hall, C.	"C"
3709563	Fus. McGladdery, E.	"D"
3443250	Fus. Murray, J.	"H.Q."
3443265	Fus. Fraser, B.	"H.Q."
5988431	Fus. Johnson, L.	"B"
3443445	Fus. Bentham, W.	"B"

Appointed unpaid Lance Corporals w.e.f. 27/7/29.

3439118 L/c. Charles, A. "A." Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 23/5/29 *vice* Taylor.

3439500 L/c. Copp, F. "D." Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 1/6/29 *vice* Milward.

3441642 L/c. Bedwell, J. "B." Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 6/6/29 *vice* Beal.

3440730 L/c. Higson, J. "B". Promoted Corporal 4/9/29 *vice* Thomas.

3436774 L/c Chetham, H. "H.Q." Promoted Corporal 14/9/29 *vice* Crompton.

3435689 L/c. Humphreys, E. "H Q." Promoted Corporal 14/9/29 *vice* Blythe.

3437116 L/c. Halligan, G. "H.Q." Promoted Corporal and appointed Band Corporal 15/9/29 to complete establishment.

3440018 Cpl. Hardy, E. A. "H.Q." Promoted Serjeant and appointed Orderly Room Serjeant 28/7/29 *vice* Day.

AGE.

3443232 Boy Guy, C. "H.Q." Attained the age of 18 years on 14/7/29.

EMBARKATION.

401449 Fus. Oultram, G. "B" Embarked on S.S. *Oronsay* 22/9/29 from Military Hospital for the U.K.

STRENGTH.

3378879 Dr.-Maj. Cusse, L. V. "H.Q." Discharged 18/7/29 under para. 370 (xxviii) King's Regulations and struck off strength accordingly.

3439597 Fus. Curran, J. "D" Transferred to Army Reserve 30/7/29 under para. 369 King's Regulations and struck off strength accordingly.

3443937 Boy Bennett, S. "H.Q." (Details). Discharged 25/7/29 under para. 370 (vi) (a) King's Regulations.

3441797 Fus. Murtagh, E. "A" (Details). Discharged 17/7/29 under para. 370 (xiii) King's Regulations.

3439093 Fus. White, R. C. "B" Transferred to the Army Reserve under para. 369 (i) King's Regulations 18/9/29.

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APPOINTMENTS.

3435039 Sjt. Whitcher, H. "C" Appointed Sjt. Cook of Depot 15/9/29 vice Sjt. Prior discharged.

STRENGTH.

3444999 Boy Brown, A. F. "H.Q" Attested at Kingston-on-Thames for 9 and 3 years. Posted to "H.Q" Wing w.e.f. 26/5/29. Attached Details from 26/5/29.

Recruit, Corby, F. E. "A" Attested at Gibraltar 20/8/29 for the Lancashire Fusiliers for 7 and 5 years and alloted No. 3444118.

3439659 Sjt. Smith, W. Depot. Posted from Depot Lan. Fus. to "D" Coy. w.e.f. 1/5/29.

3438756 Sjt. Starling, F. "C" Wife of, disembarked from S.S. *Otranto* at Gibraltar before noon 18/9/29.

QUALIFICATIONS.

3440068	L/c. Humphreys, B.	"C"
3430555	Cpl. Johnson, H.	"C"
3441234	L/c. Melia, W.	"C"

Attended 31st Qualifying Course at Netheravon Wing from 23/5/29 to 19/7/29 and obtained Q.2., and Q.1., Q.1., respectively.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

The u/m were granted 3rd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Gibraltar on 23rd August 1929:—

3443730	Fus. E. Pollard,	"A"
3443575	Fus A. Wilson,	"B"
3442730	Fus. J. Jones,	"C"
3442556	Fus. E. Tilley,	"C"
3443349	Fus. W. Povah,	"D"
3443733	Boy. W. Lloyd,	"H.Q."
3444057	Fus. A. Hastings,	"A"
3440390	Fus. C. Westley,	"B"
3442848	Fus. J. Allum,	"C"
3443519	Fus. W. Barret,	"D"
3443557	Fus. W. Egan,	"D"
3443205	Fus. W. Brown,	"H.Q."

The undermentioned N.C.Os., and men were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an Examination held at Gibraltar on the 29th and 30th August 1929:

"A" Company.

3443614 Fus. S. Sanger.
3443655 Fus. J. Lomas.

"B" Company.

3443606 Fus. J. Lord.
3443585 Fus. J. Bryant.
3443445 L/C. W, Bentham.

"C" Company.

3443453 Fus. T. Wright.
3442828 Fus. L. Cogswell.
3443521 Fus. D. Norton.
3443135 Fus. C. Bickers.
3443148 Fus. A. Ashcroft.

"D" Company.

3443578 Fus. S. Smith.

"H.Q." Wing.

3443124 Boy C. Berry.
3443573 Fus. F. Wheeler.
3443017 Fus. A. Thompson.
3443435 Fus. W. Queen.
3443174 Bdn. A. Chadwick.
3443490 Fus. J. Parkinson.
3442974 Fus. J. Tregartha.
3443235 Fus. W. B. Shaw.
3441643 Fus. W. Langley.
399621 Fus. D. Baxter.
3443265 L/C. B. Fraser.

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Calendar of Regimental History.

OCTOBER.

1st	1750	XX, under Wolfe arrive Dundee.
	1887	1st and 3rd V.B. inspected by Duke of Cambridge at Salford.
2nd	1799	First Battle of Egmont-op-Zee. Battle Honour on Colours.
3rd	1691	Surrender of Limerick.
4th	1855	XX. embarked at Kazatch for Kinburn (Crimea).
	1917	9th Bn. attack at Stroombeck.
	1918	1st Bn. in capture of Ledeghem.
	1918	2nd Bn. forced crossing over Trinquis Brook, East of Arras.
5th	1710	Skirmish at Ardilla.
6th	1799	Second Battle of Egmont-op-Zee.
7th	1777	Battle of Stillwater (America).
	1813	Passage of the Bidassoa.
	1902	2nd Bn. left South Africa for England.
8th	1858	Skirmish at Meangunge (India)
9th	1898	2nd Bn. left Egypt for Crete.
	1917	1st and 2nd Bns. attack side by side at Poelcapelle.
	1917	3/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th and 2/8 Bns. at Paschendael.
10th	1854	Beginning of Siege of Sebastopol.
11th	1776	Action at Valcour Island (America).
12th	1914	Capture of Meteren.
	1916	2nd Bn. attack at Le Transloy.
	1918	10th Bn. in capture of Neuvilla. Pte. Lester awarded the Victoria Cross.
13th	1812	XX. left Cork for Portugal.
14th	1918	1st Bn. engaged at Ledeghem.
15th	1855	XX. landed at Kinburn (Crimea).
16th	1760	Battle of Kloster Kampen.
17th	1854	Bombardment of Sebastopol.
	1918	2/5th Bn. crossed Hentay Deule Canal.
	1855	Fall of Fort Kinburn.
18th	1900	Skirmish at Honings Spruit (Boer War).
	1914	2nd Bn. attack Le Touquet.
19th		
20th	1756	Detachment XX. in aid of Civil Power at Stroud.
	1918	1st Bn. crossed the Lys.
21st	1757	Wolfe promoted Colonel.
	1916	11th Bn. attack in Somme Battle
	1919	2nd Bn. embarked at Liverpool for India.
22nd	1881	2nd Bn. landed at Bombay from England.
	1917	17th and 18th Bns engaged at Houthulst Forest.
23rd	1916	2nd Bn. attack at Le Transloy.
24th	1879	2nd Bn arrive at Kingstown from England.
25th	1854	Battle of Balaclava.
26th	1854	Skirmish at Sebastopol.
	1865	Lieut. J. Smyth and detachment of 2nd Bn. handed over Taku Forts to the Chinese Government.
	1918	2nd Bn. attack at Artres and crossed the Rhonelle River.
27th	1898	2nd Bn. in camp at Kandia (Crete) washed away.
28th	1812	XX. landed at Corunna.
	1902	2nd Bn. arrived in England from South Africa.
29th	1807	Wreck of the *Windermere* with Headquarters XX. on board.
30th	1901	5th Bn. returned to England from South Africa.
31st	1793	XX. landed at San Domingo.

NOVEMBER.

1st		
2nd	1854	Attack on trenches at Sebastopol.
	1918	15th Bn. at Happegarbe. Sjt. Clark awarded Victoria Cross.
3rd	1805	XX. sailed from Malta for Naples.
4th	1858	Action at Poorwar (Indian Mutiny).
	1918	15th and 16th Bns. in action at Sombre, Oise Canal. Lieut-Col. Marshall, Irish Guards, Comdg. 16th Bn., awarded Victoria Cross.
5th	1854	Battle of Inkerman. Battle Honour on Colours.
6th	1761	Skirmish at Embeck (Seven Years' War).
	1914	Skirmish at Ploegsteert Wood.
7th	1914	German attack at Ploegsteert Wood repulsed.
8th	1858	Skirmish at Morah Mhow (Indian Mutiny).

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	1910	2nd Bd. in aid of Civil Power, South Wales.
9th	1858	Affair at Fort Simree.
	1914	German attack at Ploegsteert Wood repulsed.
10th	1813	Battle of Nivelle (Peninsular).
11th	1918	Armistice Day.
12th	1859	4,000 rebels surrendered to 1st Bn. in Ough (Indian Mutiny).
	1919	2nd Bn. arrived in India from England.
13th	1878	1st Bn. left Canada for Cyprus.
14th	1852	Funeral of Duke of Wellington.
15th	1906	4th Bn. disbanded.
16th		
17th	1858	Skirmish at Berah.
	1769	General Kingsley (XX.) died.
18th	1854	Great storm in Crimea.
19th	1857	1st Bn. arrived in Calcutta from England
	1863	2nd Bn. arrived in Calcutta from England.
20th	1688	XX. raised at Exeter by Sir Robert Peyton.
	1917	Battle of Cambrai.
21st	1863	2nd Bn. left Calcutta for Hong-Kong.
	1864	Assassination of Major Baldwin and Lieut. Bird at Yokohama.
	1915	19th Bn. arrived in France.
22nd	1805	XX. disembarked at Naples from Malta.
23rd	1876	1st Bn. left Bermuda for Halifax, N.S.
24th	1858	Action at Buxer Ghat.
25th	1871	Headquarters 2nd Bn. embarked at Mauritius for Ireland.
26th	1900	6th Bn. in action at Luckhoff (Boer War).
27th	1907	1st Bn. embarked at Malta for India.
28th		
29th	1901	3rd Bn. left Malta for Jamaica.
30th	1917	1st Bn. in German counter-attack at Mesnieres.

DECEMBER.

1st		
2nd	1854	Sortie from Sebastopol.
3rd	1899	2nd Bn left England for South Africa.
4th	1866	Headquarters 1st Bn. left Calcutta for England.
	1898	2nd Bn. left Crete for Malta.
	1918	1st Bn. crossed German Frontier.
5th	1872	Four Companies left South Africa for Ireland.
6th		
7th	1898	2nd Bn. arrived in Malta from Crete.
8th		
9th	1813	Passage of the River Nive (Peninsular).
10th	1813	Action at Barouilhet (Peninsular).
11th	1760	XX went into Winter Quarters. Munster (Germany).
12th	1769	1st Bn. arrived at Kingstown from England.
13th	1878	1st Bn. arrived in Cyprus from Canada.
	1900	2nd Bn. in action Scheepers Nek.
	1918	1st Bn. entered Cologne.
14th		
15th	1755	Wolfe's orders issued at Canterbury.
16th		
17th		
18th	1866	Four Companies 1st Bn. embarked at Calcutta for England.
19th	1901	Skirmish at Kaffir Spruit.
20th		
21st	1845	Sortie from Sebastopol.
22nd	1870	Four Companies 2nd Bn. embarked at Port Louis, Mauritius, for South Africa.
23rd	1808	Night march of XX. to seize bridge over River Carrion (Peninsular).
24th		
25th	1808	Commencement of Retreat to Corunna.
26th	1858	Action at Churda (Indian Mutiny.)
27th	1808	Action at Benevente (Peninsular)
	1853	Capture of Fort Musjidia (Indian Mutiny).
28th	1745	Commencement of siege of Carlisle.
29th	1808	Second action at Benevente.
30th	1836	XX. left India for England.
31st	1858	Skirmish at Bankee (Indian Mutiny).

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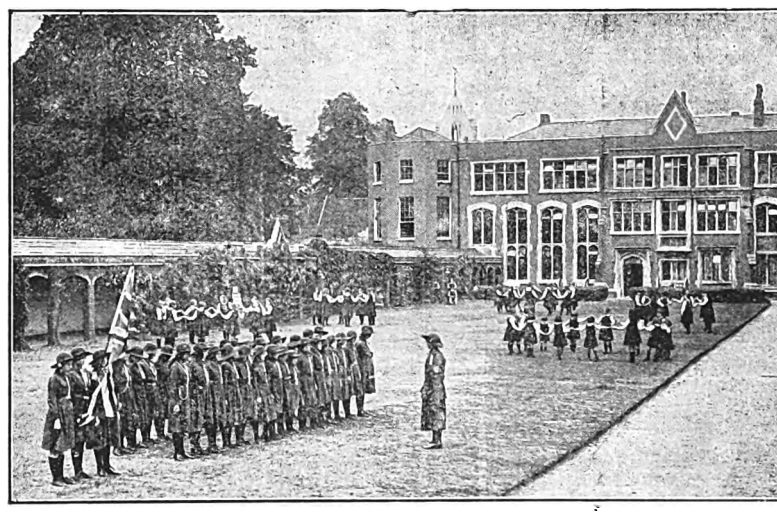

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The Sphinx superscribed "Egypt." The Red Rose. "*Omnia Audax.*"
"DETTINGEN," "MINDEN," "EGMONT-OP-ZEE," "MAIDA," "VIMIERA," "CORUNNA," "VITTORIA," "PYRENNEES," "ORTHES," "TOULOUSE," "PENINSULA," "ALMA," "INKERMAN," "SEVASTOPOL," "LUCKNOW," "KHARTOUM," "RELIEF OF LADYSMITH," "SOUTH AFRICA, 1899-1902."
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The battle honours gained before "The Great War" are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour and those in thick type gained during "The Great War" are emblazoned on The King's Colour.

JOTTINGS.

At the recent dinner to the holders of the Victoria Cross, held in London, the Regiment was represented by Major R. R. Willis; R.S.M. J. Clark; Lieut. J. Grimshaw; C.S.M. E. Smith; Sjt. A Richards; Sjt. J. Lister; L/Cpl. J. Halliwell; and L/Cpl. J. Hutchinson, all of whom gained the coveted honour in the Great War.

Extracts from the *London Gazette.*

December 10th.

Lan. Fus.—Sec. Lt. G. M. Sandilands to be Lieut. (June 30) with seniority Feb. 4th and precedence next below Lt. A. G. Ames.

Territorial Army.

6th Bn. Lan. Fus.—Lt. Colonel L. M. Robinson, M.C., T.D. to be Brevet Colonel (Nov. 26).

December 17th.

Lan. Fus.—Lt. A. J. O. Bridgeman, retires on account of ill health.

On arrival at Catterick on February 15th, 1930, the battalion joins the 13th Infantry Brigade (Brigadier W. A. Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O.), of the 5th Division (Major-General W.M. St. G. Kirke, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O), and will be quartered in Hooge Lines.

Major R. M. Watson relinquishes his appointment as G.S.O. 2, Northern Ireland District, and is posted to the Battalion from the 23rd January, 1930.

Major E. J. B. Tagg, has been appointed G.S.O. 2nd Grade, 47th (2nd London) Division from the 15th April, 1930.

Captain G. C. Martin, has been appointed Assistant Military Secretary, Gibraltar Vice-Captain Sir Alexander B. G. Stanier (30th December, 1929).

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Captain F. Franks relieves Captain F. R. Logan, as Adjutant of the 7th (T.A.) Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers on the 1st March, 1930, Captain Logan being posted to the 1st Battalion from that date.

We offer our congratulations to the Signallers on the result of the annual classification. Every man passed the tests, the average of the section being 99.53%.

It came as a great shock to all ranks to hear of Lieut. A. J. O. Bridgeman's illness and subsequent retirement. Lieut. Bridgeman had just returned to Nigeria from leave in England and appeared to be in good health.

During his tour in Nigeria he had done extra-ordinarily well and would certainly have received promotion in the New Year.

Lieut. C. W. Wood, on leave from Nigeria, paid us a short visit in November. We hope he will visit the Battalion at Catterick before returning to the coast.

Our latest casualties are Major Massy-Westropp, Lieuts. Lyne and King. We wish them successful operations and speedy recoveries.

We congratulate Lieut. S. R. Garratt and 2/Lieut. C. G. Bowen, who attended the Qualifying Course at Hythe from 9th September to 1st November and obtained Q.1 Certificates.

During the ceremony at the Cross of Sacrifice, on Armistice Day, wreaths were placed upon the Cross by the following:

The Officers wreath by the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Colonel R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C. The W.Os. and Serjeants' wreath by C.S.M. W. G. Campbell. The Corporals' wreath by L/Cpl. A. Fosker. The Fusiliers' wreath by Fusilier J. Knox.

A draft of 96 other ranks conducted by Lieut. S. R. Garratt arrived from the Depot on the 17th November per H. T. Dorsetshire

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A draft of 200 other ranks for the 2nd Battalion leave Gibraltar on the 14th January. We wish them *bon voyage* and the very best of luck during their stay in India.

We congratulate R.S.M. Shipwright on his promotion and wish him and Mrs. Shipwright the best of luck at the Depot.

Sjt. and Mrs. McEvoy have also left the Battalion for a tour with the T.A. We wish them every success in their new sphere.

How many of our readers realize that the move of the Battalion from Gibraltar to Catterick will be our ninth move in ten years and three months.

In this number we publish a photograph of the families trip to the First River, which took place during the Summer.

The Families Christmas Tree Party took place in the Garrison Recreation Rooms on Monday 30th December, the Bandmaster Mr. E. N. Miles again officiated as Father Christmas, and as in other years was a huge success.

We beg to remind subscribers that subscriptions for 1929 are overdue, will those who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions kindly do so as soon as possible.

We wish all our readers a bright and prosperous New Year.

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ALLIANCE.

H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to approve of an alliance between the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, and the Lancashire Fusiliers.

The Peel and Dufferin Regiment until 1920, was known, since it was organized some sixty-two years ago, as the 36th Peel Regiment, and was named after Viscount Peel, who was born in Bury, and whose monument is erected there. The Regt. has been represented by drafts in almost every theatre of war, and sent substantial drafts overseas during the Great War.

One of its officers, Major C. M. Corkett served in France with the 2nd Bn. the Lancashire Fusiliers.

According to the Monthly Army List for October 1929 (page 123). The Peel and Dufferin Regiment forms part of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade (Reserve) which has its headquarters at Toronto, Ontario.

A cable has been sent to the Peel and Dufferin Regiment as follows:

"Hearty greetings for the first Christmas of our alliance".

29th Division Association

Dinner to the holders of the Victoria Cross.

On the occasion of the dinner held on 9th November for holders of the Victoria Cross, the following message was sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales:

"Dutiful respects to your Royal Highness and greetings to the gallant guests assembled tonight, particularly to those who earned the Cross whilst serving with the 29th Division".

To which the following reply was received:

"Chairman, Twenty-Ninth Division Association. Please convey to your Association the appreciation of all present for the greetings of the 29th Division.

EDWARD, P".

The representatives of the 29th Division who were present included:

Major R. R. Willis...	Lancashire Fusiliers
Lieut. A. Grimshaw	do.
Sjt. J. Lister	do.
Sjt. A. Richards	do.

Christmas Greetings.

The President and members of the Committee of the Association send their Christmas Greetings to all who served in the 29th Division.

The following letter has been received by the Commanding Officer from Lt. Gen. Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.E., J.P., D.L., M.P., as President of the Twenty-Ninth Division Association, in reply to a telegram of greeting to members of the Twenty-Ninth Division Association, assembled at the Association Dinner.

"Let me, as President of the 29th Div. Association, express to you, and to your Officers, non-Commissioned Officers and men, the pleasure felt by all present at the T-N.D.A. Dinner on the receipt of your telegram of greeting.

Our hearts were especially with your battalion that evening for, as one of our Official guests, we had Major Willis, to whom the V.C. was awarded by the vote of his brother officers of the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, and the V.C. that he wears is an honour gained, not by himself alone, but by the collective action of your glorious battalion at the original landing at Cape Helles.

The collective V.C's. gained by the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers gave a very special and unusual honour to a battalion that fully deserves every honour, not only for its action on that glorious occasion, but by its uninterrupted record of good service wherever it has fought.

In addition to the greetings from all members of the T-N.D.A. please give to your fine battalion extra greetings from your old Commander and Comrade".

(Sgd.) AYLMER HUNTER-WESTON.

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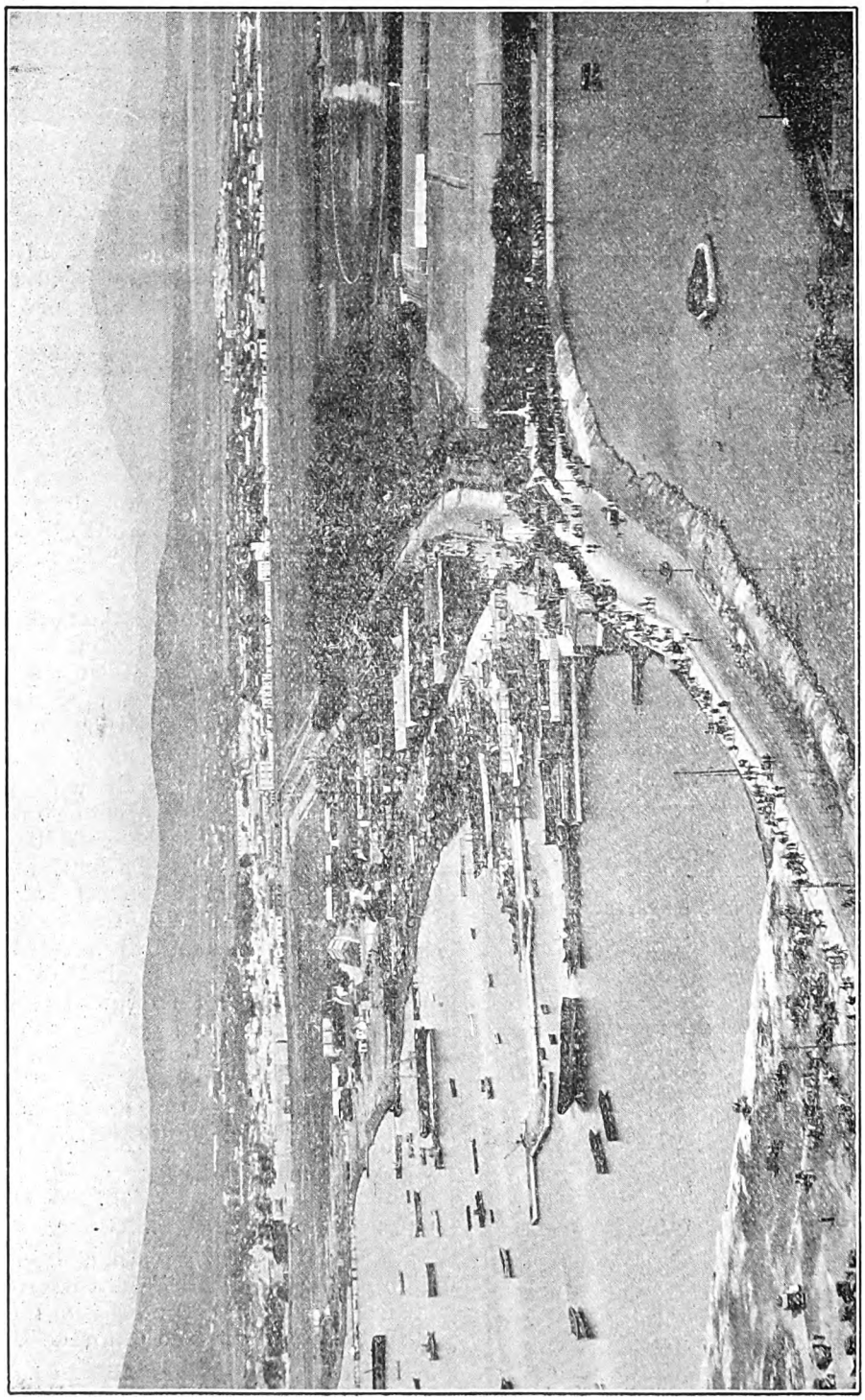

Panorama looking North from the Rock.

ARMISTICE DAY Ceremony in progress at the CROSS OF SACRIFICE.

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The Lancashire Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1928

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The Annual Dinner of the Southern Section was held at the Albert Tavern and Restaurant, 52, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1, on April 28th, 1928. Owing to the 1st Battalion having set sail for Egypt our numbers were greatly reduced.

The total numbers present were 39. Major General G J. Farmer, C.B., C.M.G., took the chair. We have now three Pensioners in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea—namely Mr. Miller, Mr. Neal and Mr. Swift, who were guests of the evening. The usual toasts having been given the party was entertained by Mr. Frank Glover and Evelyn Glover, of the B.B.C., Tenor and Comedienne, who gave us a varied and humorous programme. After a most successful and enjoyable time the proceedings closed at 11 p.m.

ARTHUR T. WHITE,

Hon. Sec, Lancashire Fusiliers O C.A., Southern Section.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Knowsley Hotel, Bury, at 6-30 p.m., on the 6th November, 1928.

The following were present at the Dinner:—Major-General Spooner, Major Dawson, Capt. Edwards, Lieutenants Dodson, Smith, Manly, Hill, R. S. M. Le Huray, R.Q.M.S. Tait, C.S.M Fisher, C.Q.M.S. Filkins, Sergeants Murray, Jones V., Wheeldon, Smith, Gillis, Corfield, Greenhalgh, Morris, Jones, C., Pryor, Ramsden, Billingham, Murphy, Corporals Harris, Martin, C.S.M's Channer, Devereux, Jeanes, Sergeant Challoner, Lieutenant North, Messrs. Webb, Bowker, Smalley, Norris, Bone, Ellis, Wiseman, Chapman, Tait, Hilton, Brearley, Potter, Ball, Turner, Austin, Taylor, Bowkett, Wilmott, Hickman, Brierley, Murrav, Skinner, Marsh, Gardner, Taylor, Thistleton, Gill, Ramsden, Hartney, Hill, Kiely and Hudson.

About 24 members attended the Meeting, and the following Resolutions were passed:—

1.—That the Northern Committee comprise the following: R.S.M. Le Huray, Messrs. Murray, Thistleton, Ball, Brierley and Lord.

2.—That the announcement for the Annual Dinner be advertised in the Local Press and "The News of the World."

3.—That the Committee get in touch with all Ex-Fusiliers, with a view of getting them in the Association.

A. MURRAY,

Hon. Secretary, Northern Branch.

Statement of Accounts, 1928.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit brought forward	187	19	1½
Subscriptions	12	10	0
Bank Interest	2	11	0
Lord Derby— Christmas Gifts	75	0	0
Total ...£278	0	1½	

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing	0	14	3
Wreaths	2	10	0
Christmas Gifts...	62	15	0
Postage—(General Secretary)	0	15	9
Postage—(Mr. A. Holt) ...	2	9	0
Expenses of Southern Dinner...	6	1	9½
Balance in Bank	189	14	7
Cash in hand (General Sec.) ...	1	3	2½
Cash in hand (Mr. Holt) ...	6	16	6½
Total ...£278	0	1½	

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A SONG OF THE CALPE HUNT

(Air—Here's to the Maiden).

(1)

Here's to Don Pablo, the Master for us
Here's to the sport that he gives us
Here's to the years he has headed the Hunt
And let us all hope he out lives us.

CHORUS. Though hills are steep, if hearts are true
Sit down in your saddles and see it through.

(2)

Here's to Old Nick and the nod of his head
Here's to the other earth-stoppers
Here's to our Sec. and his one horse of course
And here's to the chap in a topper.

CHORUS. Though hills etc.

(3)

Here's to Pecino and here's to his horse
Here's to the fox that we follow
Here's to old Traveller and Rarity too
As they push him through Connolly's Hollow.

CHORUS. Though hills etc.

(4)

Here's to the ladies who follow the Hunt
I won't be so rash as to name one
So think for yourself as you fill up your glass
If she's in the first flight she's a game one.

CHORUS. Though hills are steep, if hearts are true
Sit down in your saddles and see it through.

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THE ROYAL CALPE HUNT

IN this station we have been fortunate, in that more officers have been able to hunt than is usually the case.

Although the country is stony and there are considerable areas under cultivation, it does not compare unfavourably with some provincial counties at home. There is very little wire but unfortunately no jumping.

Foxes are plentiful; but owing to the poor scenting conditions that often prevail, and the thickness of the coverts they are seldom killed. They are however very stout, and, when it is possible to bustle them, they provide good runs.

The Royal Calpe Hunt keep up to 25 couple of hounds. This is the minimum number required to hunt the country two days a week, owing to the hardness of the going and the thorns causing many hounds to be temporarily unfit.

The summer mortality amongst hounds is very high, necessitating large drafts from England every year.

The Hunt is extremely fortunate in having a Master who has hunted the country for 30 years. His great knowledge helps to counter-balance his handicap of having only inexperienced though enthusiastic assistants. The Master's family has lived in this part of Spain for many years and has great local influence.

The Calpe country is ideal for giving one an appreciation of hound work. After all in England it is possible to hunt for years without learning anything, especially if fields are large and one is indifferently mounted.

Tangier and the Wild Boar.

TANGIER came to England as part of the dower of Catherine of Braganza.

"Twill take a deal of jam to sweeten that powder" said the ungallant Charles when he saw his future bride.

But Tangier proved no jam for the English troops in garrison there, (now our friends the Royals and the 2nd Queens), nor for the merchants who saw it as a valued entrepot for Eastern trade.

For eighty years we held it by force of arms against constant assault and with thousands of Christian slaves captive to the Moorish pirates within gunshot of our walls.

Then on the advice of Mr. Pepys, the diarist, Commissioner for Tangier, we abandoned the doubtful foothold in Africa and the Moor again held the battered citadel.

So Tangier has remained, a meeting place of East and West, Christian and Moslem, an outpost of Islam within 3 days journey of England.

Through the courtesy of the Tangier Tent Club, three officers of the Regiment lately visited Tangier and were able to take part in a day's pig sticking.

Within an hour's motor run of Tangier, and neighbouring the Atlantic seaboard, lie rolling plains of coarse grass, dwarf oak and palmetto, where the wild boar abounds, and it was here the Tent Club met early one Saturday morning.

About a dozen spears were out, mostly mounted on useful Barbs which could gallop and were staunch to pig.

We were posted in pairs at likely points of vantage round the first cover to be beaten, and then listened with increasing excitement to the terrific din set up by the Moorish beaters, as urged on by no less a person than the Sherif, lately Commander-in-Chief of the Sultan's Army and still the owner of many slaves, they fought and yelled their way through the thick cover.

Pig were about in plenty, and several broke near the writer, but unfortunately the comparatively open palmetto and grass scrub only stretched some 200 yards before the thick cover began again, and the hardiest riding ended in the glimpse of a wicked eye glancing back as a boar crashed into cover some yards ahead of the spear.

After another cover had been drawn blank, the spears were entertained at a

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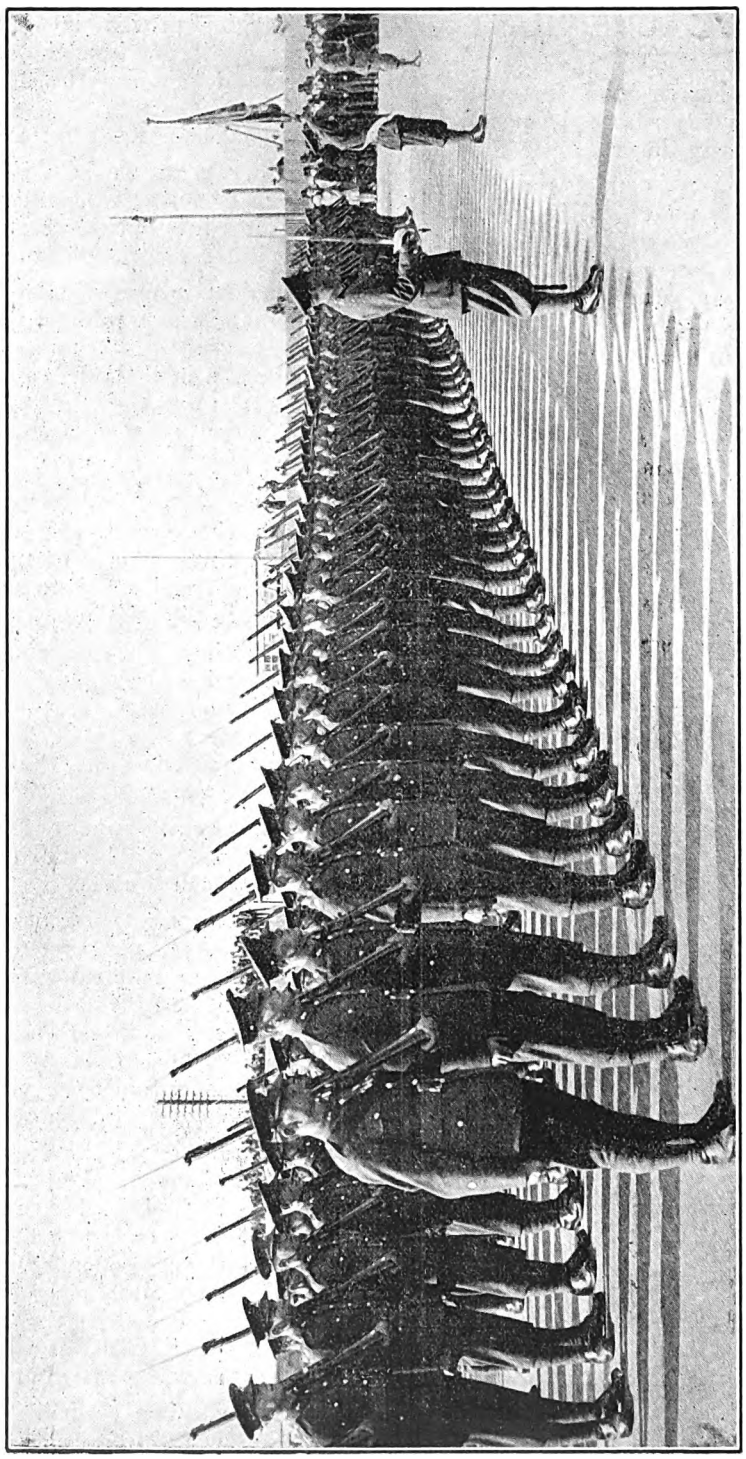

ARMISTICE DAY 1929.

The Battalion GUARD OF HONOUR at the CROSS OF SACRIFICE.

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Moorish lunch by the Sherif, a prodigal repast of cooked meats highly spiced and eaten reclining on the ground in a circle, each man dipping into the common dish.

Moorish etiquette dictates that only the thumb and two fingers of the right hand may be used, the left hand being reserved foranother purpose.

After lunch, which concluded with most necessary ablutions to remove the grease from hand and face, we again mounted and took up our positions before another cover, close to the long white line of surf on the Atlantic beach.

This cover was full of pig and wild yells and gunshots could be heard as they doubled back betweeu the beaters, but they would not come to the spears and nothing was done.

So ended a bloodless but most exciting and interesting day, which left us filled with gratitude to our hosts and determined before we left Gibraltar, again to try conclusions with the wild pig of Tangier.

History of the Regiment.

On July 29th, the XX pushed through the pass of Vilate in pursuit of the enemy, and was engaged in an unimportant skirmish on the 30th. On August 1st the regiment ascended the heights above San Estevan, attacked the French rear-guard, and during the day was frequently engaged in detached positions. They made several charges with the bayonet, capturing much baggage and making a large number of prisoners. Lieut. Fitzgerald was slightly wounded. On August 2nd, the XX marched from Yanzi, and in the afternoon took part in an attack on the front of the enemy's position at Echallar, which resulted in the defenders being driven out with considerable loss. The division supported Barnes' brigade in attacking the French rear-guard, but this was only a moral support, as the brigade had prematurely carried the position before the division reached its appointed place. The particulars of this engagement are very meagre, but it is recorded that the XX rendered very timely aid to the 6th Regiment in particular. Lieutenant-Colonel Wauchope (the officer commanding the regiment) was mortally wounded whilst in the act of assisting some wounded men of the corps, and died at Passages on September 15th. Ensign Wrixon and one man were killed. Lieutenants Rotland (severely) Lutyens, six serjeants, and twenty-five rank and file wounded.

In all the actions fought in the Pyrenees, the light companies of Major-General Ross's brigade were commanded by Major A. Rose, who proved a very enterprising leader of light troops.

Brevet Lieutentent-Colonel C. Steevens assumed the command of the regiment on Lieut.-Colonel Wauchope being wounded.

On August 4th the regiment went into camp at Lesaca, where it remained until the end of August: this town is about twenty miles from St. Sebastian and one mile from Passages, where the wounded and invalids of the army were sent.

In consideration of the meritorious service of the non-commissioned officers of the army, a Warrant was promulgated by the War Office on July 27th, 1813, by which the pay of serjeant-majors was increased to three shillings a day, and of colour-sergeants to two shillings and four-pence, from June 25th previous. It was further ordered that colour-serjeants were to be distinguished by an honourable badge. They were at all times to attend the colours, but this special duty was not to interfere with their ordinary regimental and company duties. At Lesaca, Lieutenant-Colonel Steevens conferred colour badges on ten of the most meritorious serjeants of the regiment.

The casualties (killed and wounded) of the XX in the campaign on the Pyrenees was twenty-one officers, thirteen serjeants, and two hundred and seventy-three rank and file.

The word "Pyrenees," to commemorate the various actions was inscribed on the colours.

While the XX were enjoying their much-needed rest at Lesaca, St. Sebastian, which had undergone a siege of sixty days, still showed no signs of capitulating. Lord Wellington, irritated by the long delay, and considering that the besiegers (5th Division) had been discouraged, called for volunteers

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from the regiments composing the 1st, 4th, and Light Divisions: "*Men*," he said, "*who could show other troops how to mount a breach*." The numbers demanded from, and furnished by the XX were two captains, two serjeants, one drummer and eighteen privates. This party, together with the other volunteers (two hundred in all) from the 4th Division, marched from camp at Lesaca to St. Sebastian on August 30th, 1813, under Brevet-Major Alexander Rose, who had been selected to command the volunteers of the division of this perilous enterprise. St. Sebastian was stormed and captured on the following day, August 31st.

At eleven o'clock, more than an hour before low water, the assaulting columns filed out of the trenches in front of No. 7 Battery: this brought them on the strand, which, at low water, afforded a good front. The distance to the trench was 180 yards. The French prematurely exploded two mines, which brought down a considerable portion of the high retaining wall near the sea. Between twenty and thirty of an advance party of volunteers were killed by the fall of this wall, nevertheless the advance continued, and in excellent order the column reached the breach. The foremost ranks were met with a most destructive fire, but the men would not be denied. A wall from fifteen to twenty-five feet high was the next obstacle, and from this point every approach to the breaches was dominated by a heavy musketry fire, while the batteries poured in grape and shrapnel. Strenuous efforts were made to carry the breach in the curtain, but a traverse, strongly held and only fifteen yards away, swept down every man as he came to the summit of the breach. A second opening in the sea wall was stormed with equal intrepiditary and gallantry, and at both places the carnage was appalling, but men came into the breach as fast as their comrades fell. For two hours this desperate, and, so far, unavailing sacrifice was made by the 5th Division and seven hundred and fifty volunteers from the other divisions. So far, nothing had been gained, and the rising tide might compel the columns to retire. The situation was perilous. The British now brought a concentrated fire of forty-seven guns on the curtain and traverse, which compelled the garrison to leave their first defence, and considerably subdued their musketry fire. The curtain was seriously damaged by the fire of the guns, and within a short space of time an explosion on the ramparts carried destruction and confusion among the defenders. The assailants took advantage of this to rush the first traverse. The garrison contested this bravely, but after a fierce contest they were obliged to retire. Successes gained by the Portuguese on the right enabled the allies to force the French into the town, and under a heavy storm of rain, thunder, and lightning, they were, by three p.m., masters of the town, but at a loss of not less than 500 men killed, and 1,500 wounded. *Every officer and man of the detachment furnished by the XX was either killed or wounded.* The following are the particulars: Major Rose, Serjeant John Fletcher, Privates Samuel Wright and James Taylor, killed in the breach; Captain John Murray, Serjeant Seth Gambling, Drummer John Keys, and sixteen men wounded.

After nearly a month's rest at Lesaca, on August 30th, 1813, the XX occupied a position in support of the Spaniards, close under the foundry of San Antonio, on the Pena de Haya mountain. On the 31st the regiment was still held in reserve on the Crown mountain, near the river Bidassoa, and during the forenoon the enemy crossed the river and attacked the Spaniards. Lord Wellington remained with the regiment during the whole of this day, as the position afforded an extensive and commanding view of the scene of operations. News of the fall of St. Sebastian, and the death of Major Rose, reached the regiment at three p.m.; about the same hour a storm broke over the mountains, and, continuing to rage during the remainder of the day, put an end to the combat between the French and Spaniards, of which the regiment had been quiet observers.

The XX returned to the camp at Lesaca on September 3rd, and on the 12th encamped near the Yanzi bridge on the Bidassoa. It marched to Passages on the 22nd to receive new clothing. The XX held an advanced post on the heights of Santa Barbara on October 6th and 7th, and on the 8th encamped on one of the lower slopes of the great Rune. The 4th Division were in reserve, covering the passage of the Bidaossa. The regiment was frequently engaged in small skirmishes.

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During October and the early part of November the regiment was encamped on the side of a bleak mountain range, exposed to the full blast of piercing winds and the drenching autumnal rains, which now set in, and from which their tents afforded but little protection.

The battle of Nivelle was fought on November 10th. Before daybreak the regiment moved down the passes of the Pyrenees, in the most profound silence, and lay at the appointed place. The allies, 74,000 strong, were to attack a line of fortified positions eight miles in length, held by 60,000 Frenchmen. The 3rd Division turned the left of the village, the Andalusians the right, while the 4th Division attacked and carried it it front. Of this battle it is said, and what is rare in war, that on the side of the British there was not a single error in details. At dawn of the day three signal guns were fired, and the XX, with the 4th Division, assaulted the redoubt of San Barbe. Our skirmishers were not long in working their way into the rear of the work, when the French, without making a single effort to expel them, fled from it. Leaving the redoubt, our men pushed on to the village of Sarre, which was soon carried, and an advance made against a position held by the enemy on the heights in rear. This was also rapidly disposed of, and the enemy, under General Conroux, was eagerly pursued. General Clausel, who endeavoured to cover the retreat of Conroux's defeated troops, was now attacked by the 4th Division; the storming of the redoubt Louis XIV. being assigned to the XX. This redoubt was captured after a stubborn resistance, and the 58th French Regiment taken prisoners. Many fell by the bayonet. The regiment was still following the enemy, who had now taken to the bridge across the Nivelle, when it was halted by Lord Wellington. We have been unable to trace the losses of the XX on the day of this battle (Nivelle), during which it had marched and fought for twelve hours. After the battle, the regiment went into cantonments opposite the French camp at Serres.

The XX advanced with the division on November 11th, but the roads were of deep clay, and the men sank up to their ankles in mud, and it was found impossible to continue the march. Quarters were found for the regiment in the village of Ascain, one wing making use of the chapel, and the other the houses in the village. The regiment remained at Ascain until the night of December 8th, when it marched towards Bayonne, which Marshal Soult had encircled with an entrenched camp.

(*To be continued.*)

The Editor is also i/c the Mosquito Campaign.

The Wanderings of the - Children of Lanfus. -

CHAPTER X.

161 Which telleth of the Rock and the things that happened there, in the year 1929.

162 Now be it known that on the Rock there are strange animals and

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insects, called Apes and scorpions, and they were not the only things on the Rock, for alas! the Children have been on the rocks since the day of landing.

163 The ape hath not a tail, whereas the scorpion hath a tail with a sting in it. Oyez!

164 And thereby hangeth a tale of anguish, for to be stung getteth a man's back up, and in our short stay on the Rock, many of the Children were stung by the scorps.

165 And at the summer game the children performed mightily, and the mightiest of them all was Josef.

166 For Josef was a wielder of the bat and a lusty smiter of the ball, moreover he was a nifty runner of runs.

167 And as he entered the fray the children cried joyously "Hit him for six"! And right merrily did he set about them, and many sixes were scored.

168 The soccer season commenced and lo: Josef was again in the thick of it, for he kicked the ball to and fro, with both his feet, and the children marvelled at his prowess.

169 Yea! Verily! Nimble was he with his feet, and with his head he was not found wanting.

170 And every time he got the ball, the shout went up, "wuft it Josef"! and it was so.

171 Now the time arrived for the elders of the children to hunt the fox from his lair, and chase him over the country, which they did right merrily. And they also rode against each other in the races so that many wagers were made.

172 Now Nick of the Sea tribe was a rider of horses, and an handy man with the ribbons. And when the children saw that he had got him on the back of an horse, then did they take off the shirts that were on them and they did put them on his horse.

173 Hence some were shirtless and frozen, and again, some were of the chosen, for he romped home and often catcheth the eye of the judge.

174 The time of rejoicing, Xmas, having arrived the children set out to have a merry time.

175 And at the dinner many of them ate until they were fultobustin, neither did the things that they had eaten lie heavy upon their tummies, whereat the mastah-cook rejoiced muchly.

176 Alas! Many of the children imbibed of the juice of the grape, and hop, in a manner that was not wise, and they lamented on the morrow for their heads were as lead.

177 And the carollers at the place called Norfront being also full up with ale, did'st carol most untunefully until the Adge of that place cried "Desist"! And they desisted and wended their way in soulful meditation to their couches. Ah, me!

A Contrast in Escorts

A story of the North-West Mounted Police of Canada.

A propos of the presence of hostile Indians in another territory than their own, and their subsequent deportation, an excellent story is told, for which there is good authority. Some time in the eighties, a band of Canadian Indians, mostly Crees, who feared punishment for their share in the half-breeds' rebellion, invited themselves to sojourn across the border, where, on United States soil, they met with scanty welcome. "Uncle Sam," they were told, "had enough Indians of his own to keep him busy." As the party showed no inclination to leave their new home, the official wires were set in action, and much correspondence passed between Washington and Ottawa. The decision arrived at was that Canada was responsible for her own Indians if America would kindly escort them to the border.

In due course 200 very dissatisfied and

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wild-eyed Crees, with 450 horses, were rounded up and started northwards, with a strong force of United States cavalry in attendance. They were met at the Boundary Line by three Mounted Policemen, one corporal and two troopers.

The American Commanding Officer looked at them with a surprised air.

"Where's your escort for these Indians?" he asked.

"We're here," answered the corporal.

"Yes, yes, I see. But where is your regiment?"

"I guess it's here all right," said the corporal. "The other fellow's looking after the breakfast things."

"But are there only FOUR of you then?"

"That's so, Colonel, but you see we wear the Queen's scarlet."

And the four red-coats proved sufficient. The corporal and his three men took over the Indians without any difficulty, and escorted the band 100 miles up into the north-west, where they would fret Uncle Sam no more.

Apart from the question of the cost incurred by the American and Canadian Governments respectively, the contrast in the methods employed is instructive.

("*The Riders of the Plains*" *by A. L. Haydon*).

Catterick—Historical Survey.

(With apologies).

Early History.

It has been established that Yorkshire the county in which Catterick lies, was always connected with Lancashire, but ancient legend has it that Hercules the God of Strength, mentioned in a previous article, after having smote, and so on, the narrow neck of land connecting Gibraltar to Africa was very fatigued by his labour and deciding to take a siesta sat himself down on top of the Rock, with his feet in what is now known as Rosia Bay, to have forty winks.

Soon after dropping off he was disturbed by a noisy argument between some Yorkshire and Lancashire men, which in those days was nothing new at all.

Being very peeved and roaring with wrath, just like a quartermaster, he rose up in his dreadful majesty and striding up over the fair land of Spain he at length came to the narrow strip of land that in those days joined France with England.

Dashing the sweat from his noble brow he bent, gibbering with rage, and seizing the land in his huge hands he hurled it twixt the contending parties saying "That will Pen and chain 'em"; this missile landing between the two rival counties has since that day been known as the Pennine Chain.

There is no record of habitation prior to that of the Moors, and it is probable that the Solomon Islander or the Maoris did not occupy it as no trace of them has ever been found.

The Moors Occupation.

In the year 6,300, 721 B.C., just a year or so after the Glacial Period, the moors rose to power and seizing the surrounding hills, invested Catterick. This occupation has continued ever since, even to this day, as my readers will see and be able to appreciate when after a hard days work on Battalion Training they tramp over the Catterick Downs. It is recorded of the Moors that when they first took the Rock they called it "Gebel Tarik" since corrupted to Gibraltar; what the troops will call Catterick

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or corrupt the name to is best left to the imagination.

The War of The Roses.

From 1454 to 1471 the inhabitants of Lancashire and Yorkshire having discovered a path over the Pennines were at each other's throats. There are many stories of the origin of the War of the Roses, but the writer, after very careful research in various public libraries and a very ardent and careful study of the *Official Gazette*, is in a position to give the true facts.

It appears that one day in August A.D. 1454 one of the Units quartered in Catterick was one that had been recruited from a little known place called Bury, which the writer believes is in Lancashire; the other unit was from the place called York now noted for its Motoring Chocolate.

Now it seems that the Lancashire Regiment had an awful custom of feeding their guests on roses on a certain day in August, and their C.O. was an ardent horticulturist with a leaning to the rearing of Red roses; for any other colour he did not care a hang —the C.O. of the other unit, on the other hand, was also an ardent rose-grower with this difference—he would only grow white roses and any other colour was like a red rag to a bull.

Needless to say the two C.O.'s were intense rivals and had often clashed at the local garden shows.

It came about that the Yorkshireman was the guest of the Lancashire men at a dinner on this memorable day, and at the close of the dinner he was invited to eat a huge Red rose that had been very carefully cultivated and had reached the dimensions of a pickling cabbage with a super-abundance of thorns, in short, a meal that would have taxed the digestive powers of an ostrich.

The mere sight of the colour of the dish as the servitor approached the victim was enough to start him off and he flatly refused to eat it. The Lancastrians insisted; the Yorkist was if possible more firm and eventually there was the devil of a row in which the rival members of the units of all ranks, grades, and denominations took part, taking as an emblem a rose of the particular colour they favoured.

Thus was the simple question of colour made the pretext for the war which lasted 17 years, and was only brought to a close by the formation of an arbitration board since known as "The Rose Growers Society."

The Great War.

The rise to fame of Catterick during the Great War, was due to the carelessness of a member of the War Office Staff.

It appears that a member of the Staff was busy one day dusting a file of amendments that had been prepared to follow a brand new issue of S.A.T. when he accidently knocked over the charwoman's tea.

The contents ran all over and spoiled the pristine beauty of his blotting pad and also destroyed a hundred or so of his cigarette coupons.

A Court of Enquiry was assembled on the spot, which after a couple of days sitting decided that the cost of the repair of the pad should be borne as a charge against the public, but ruled that the claim for compensation for the loss of the coupons was not admissible as they could not be shown to be a military necessity under the ACT.

A working party from the nearest Infantry Battalion was requisitioned and arrived under the charge of an officer to effect the removal and repair of the pad, and after being told off in reliefs and allotted tasks they set to work.

It was then that the great discovery was made, for on raising the pad, a very old chart was discovered showing a huge slice of land lying spare, up in Yorkshire.

A second Court of Enquiry was immediately convened, which sat for a month and after visits to the public record office, Somerset House, the British Museum and the headquarters of *Daily Mail*, arrived at the finding that as the land did not appear to belong to anyone, the Army Council had better take it over as it would come in very handy to send the Lan. Fus. to after they had done messing them about, but in the meantime, as Salisbury plain was just about getting full, they decided to send some of the New Army up there to get "fed up" in preparation for the front.

Catterick now assumed a great importance and was the scene of many raids and sieges.

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There were raids by G.O.C.'s, Brigadiers and Inspecting Officers of all ranks, the bosche Airmen, not to mention the raids carried out by the Provost Serjeant on the Crown and Anchor parties, and great siege was laid to the local maidens hearts by the budding Don Juans of the New Army.

The New Army coming into existence when trench warfare was all the vogue had plenty of excavating or digging to do. They were able after a while to construct intricate trench systems and it is said that the Duke de Gridiron when conducted over one remarked that the work was worthy of the Mac Alpines!

The Sappers of the New Army showed great aptitude for their work and were soon up to the tricks of the Old Army. They became adepts at drawing up schemes for trench works, tunnelling, sapping and so forth, while the infantry found the labour.

It is said that the infantry were very grateful for the experience.

During the operations the C.R.E., formerly the local civil engineer, did great work though twice dismounted.

The Sortie.

In November 1918 the members of a well known Lancashire Regiment decided to make a night sortie against the mess of a neighbouring Unit and endeavour to destroy the morale of their opponents by capturing their mascot—a brass cannon that was reputed to have been once carried by the Mahdi, in his belt, in the Egyptian War.

All arrangements were most carefully worked out, and complete surprise achieved, which is, of course, in accordance with F.S.R. Vol. ii.

The assaulting force led by Lord Noswho were completely successful, the enemy's light leads were cut and their works plunged into darkness, and whilst they were busy trying to unfold their lanterns, folding Mk. II, the raiding party carried off the gun. There were no casualties in this raid, but the gun has caused a few since, but it is not within the province of this article to discuss the causes or actions that led up to accidents subsequent to the matter aforementioned or words to that effect.

In commemoration of the sortie the writer is led to believe that a certain depot in Lancashire hold a tattoo or a tot or two, though the matter does not show the connection between the two. Also the young of the land give vent to their feelings on that date, though the writer in this case fails to see the connections.

Conclusion.

Since the Great War Catterick has enjoyed uninterrupted peace broken only by the descent of the School of Signalling.

The Army Council have constructed a light railway, bought an engine from the Disposals Board, chased out the rats, imported a few cats, pasted up a few cracks in the huts, and generally made the place more homelike to the sun scorched warrior from abroad.

Ambitious schemes for the construction of new football grounds, hockey pitches, and so forth have been prepared and only await the arrival of the battalion to be put in hand.

Troops who have been stationed at congested Gibraltar with its 22,000 inhabitants to about 2 square miles, will appreciate the

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wide open spaces of Catterick with its two inhabitants to 22 square miles and will swell their chests as they plod over the

moors on battalion training and say, "thank goodness, at last we can breathe." Hum! I wonder!

W.G.G.

Spots from the Inkwell.

History revised by some of our students.

Joan of Arc was a pheasant's daughter.

Wolfe commanded the Regiment for many years because he disliked the Duke of Cumberland.

They gave the Duke of Wellington a lovely funeral, it took six men to carry the beer.

Edward III would have been King of France if his mother had been a man.

William III, on his way to Hampton Court, tumbled over a mole and broke his collar bone, which was fatal to a man of his constituency.

Q.—Minden and Quebec are connected with your Regiment. State in what manner.

A.—Wolfe commanded the XX at both battles after dying there.

"Bread cast on the Waters."

It was in the year 1907, that the 17th Lancers (Death or Glory Boys) lay in Meerut when the news came through that the XX (Minden Boys) were coming to the station from Malta.

Now no one knows more than a soldier what that first night in a new station entails in the way of discomforts, lack of the usual amenities, and sheer hard work unloading baggage, etc. So the 17th Regiment of His Majesty's Cavalry prepared to meet the XX Regiment of Infantry.

A good hearty spread was prepared for the troops with plenty of what is familiarly known as "Pigs ear"; The Officers' and Serjeants' Messes were thrown open to the incoming regiment, and all ranks of the 17th laid themselves out to alleviate as much as possible the usual discomforts mentioned above.

When the newcomers had settled down the personnel of the two regiments became as Blood Brothers. The 17th put up a soccer cup which the XX won as a matter of course. Then the XX put up a polo cup which the 17th promptly annexed, also as a matter of course, we footsloggers not presuming to do much in that line, although mark you, later on the XX put up a team which won an open trophy without requiring its allotted handicap, against all local units including cavalry. That however is by the way.

After about two years of happy comradeship the regiments parted; the XX leaving for Multan. This parting was deeply regretted by all, for both had enjoyed

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splendid sport together, and a fine spirit of rivalry had been engendered during their stay in Meerut.

In 1914 came the Great War and all regiments were thrown into the melting pot for four years, and the happy times spent in India were as a far off dream.

The war ended, the XX found itself in the Distressful Country for three years and then peace (of a sort) having been signed the regiment had orders to proceed to Tidworth. Who will ever forget that last march down the Dublin quays to North Wall, the rotten crossing to Holyhead, and then the miserably cold train journey throughout the night, arriving finally in the cold dawn hours at Tidworth.

As the train steamed into the station usually so desolate the XX were surprised to see a blaze of light, rows of tables laden with sandwiches and cakes and numerous big urns filled with steaming coffee. Who were the hosts? No need to ask.... The Death or Glory Boys. During the war, many of our old friends had met that grim visaged spectre Death, not a few had fouud Glory, and those left who had served in Meerut could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But they remembered.

Fourteen years had passed by, but they remembered. Officers and Serjeants of the 17th met us on the square and took us to breakfast. The Officers and Serjeants of the XX had the run of the 17th messes for three days until our own were in shipshape.

Later on when we had settled down fresh friendships were made by the successors of those great hearted fellows who had passed over.

The Blood Brothers had met once more.

One more incident comes to mind.... As we marched from Tidworth Station to our barracks the band of the 17th struck up that wonderful stirring march "Alto Kamaraden," "Old Comrades."

And so the spirit goes on, may it never die.

V.C.D.F.

YACHTING.

IT is with regret that I must start this article by saying that it looks as if we are shortly going to leave here for a station where yachting is one of the few forms of sport that cannot be indulged in.

Whilst in Egypt quite a number took up sailing but since coming here, unfortunately the numbers have dwindled. There are two apparent reasons for this. Firstly, most of our "yachtsmen" were absent from the station during the summer; and secondly, in Egypt boats could easily be hired, while here they must be owned or borrowed for a race; no system of hiring being in force.

Colonel Luker, however, has kept the name of the regiment well to the fore, and especially towards the end of the season, has been well up in all the races with his "Psyche Fish". In the gymkhana, he carried off the honours of the day, winning no less than three prizes.

Captain Page, Captain Dodson and Mr. Garratt, the remaining three keen sailors, were absent nearly the whole season, and so unable to help Colonel Luker swell the number of prizes going to the regiment.

At the Gibraltar Yacht Club Dinner a few days ago, the presence of Major Massy-Westropp was noticed with approval; but let us hope that his yachting activities will not end there, but that we shall see him out sailing his own boat and putting up winning flags.

"D" Company is missed after their activities in sailing in Egypt, but we are glad that they have not entirely neglected the art as a possible means of amusement. Surely, with the number of men that they now have who have passed the Life Saving examination, they should try their hand at sailing again—or perhaps I am merely giving away the intention of their "Sailing Committee".

Finally, we hope the day is not far distant when each company will have its boat and crew, and points for sailing will count towards the Lawrence Cup!

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Serjeants' Mess Letter.

THE Members of the Mess wish all readers of the G.G. the Compliments of the Season, and trust that 1930 will be very kind to all.

We heartily congratulate all those who have recently appeared in the "Promotions and Appointments" column of Part II orders.

The usual whist drives and Dances were held during the last quarter, and although fairly well attended, we do not get the same number of Guests that we might expect if the gradient of Scud Hill was a shade less steep.

Several of our members are to be congratulated upon the announcements that appear in the column devoted to announcing visits from the Stork.

Sjt. Collings is congratulated upon his marriage which took place on Christmas Day.

The dining members had their usual Xmas. spread, and the majority certainly seem to have gained a few pounds during the festive season.

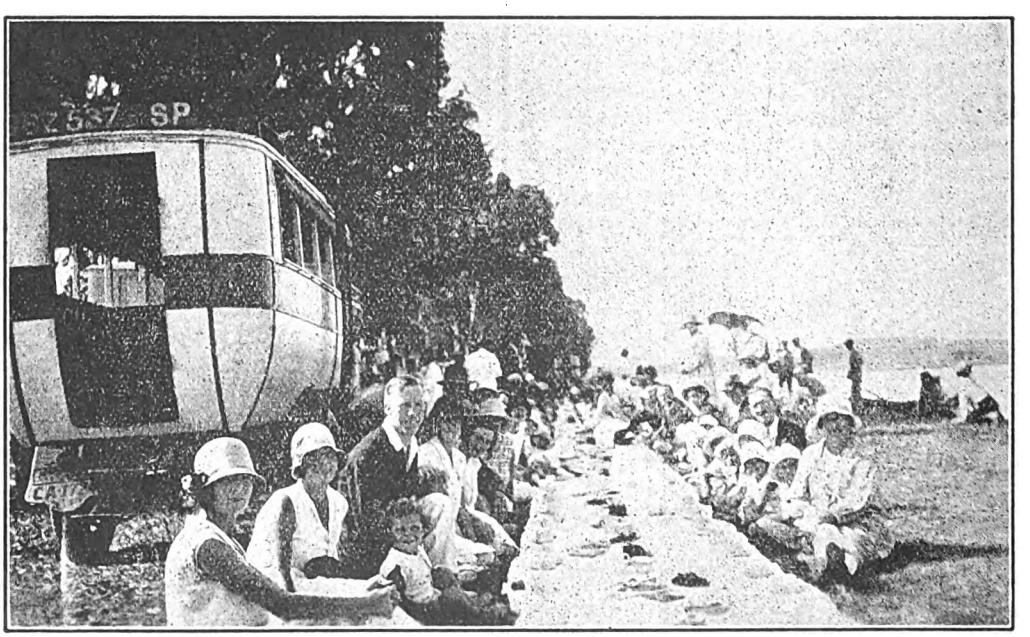
The Mess received a very nice present on Christmas Day from Mr. (late C.Q.M.S.) "Pat" Welby. This took the form of a photograph of the "V.C's" Dinner recently held in London.

On our return to England this will be suitably framed and inscribed, and will join our other treasured relics.

Many Officers, and ex-members sent cards in addition greetings were exchanged with almost every Regiment in the Army, we trust that all cards reached their destinations safely.

We take this opportunity of wishing *Au Revoir* and *Bon Voyage* to all those who are departing for India, where we trust they will speedily settle down in their new homes.

SJTS. XX.



The Married Families Picnic at First River, August 1929.

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SIGNALS' LETTER.

BEFORE chronicling the events of the Signallers since the last issue of the G.G., we will pause to say how pleased we are with the results of the classification, and hope that we shall do as well at Catterick, the home of flags and D (III's ?). The signals advance party is already there looking for a place for flag drill. Little do our new class, who have not yet left the depôt, know what fun is in store for them.

At last the long promised picnic has materialised, the signallers riding down to North Front for classification. We are all looking forward to the next one. (Picnic, not classification !).

Our football team has started well, two of the outstanding scores being 8-1 and 9-1 (for us), which we will have to be satisfied with for the future as we are shortly loosing most of the team. We are offering five coupons for a goal keeper in lieu of Oswald —come on "D".

This brings us to the painful duty of saying good-bye to the draft. We have tried some of "D" Company's methods of getting them off, but must confess that we have failed. We wish them all the very best of luck in the 2nd Battalion and hope they will maintain their 99·63 per cent in India.

Our Bob has gone to a land of milk and honey, and has already increased his waistline considerably. Absence from flag drill ruins some people! We hope some day to find time to teach his successor how to look after the stores in his spare time.

We all enjoyed our Christmas very much, not least our Serjeant, a feature of the festivities being a trip through the galleries. Nineteen started out, twenty one returned —we hope to turn the remaining two into good signallers.

We were all very sorry to hear about Mr. Bridgeman's illness, and all ranks of the Signal Section wish him a speedy recovery.

"FLAGS".

BAND LETTER.

ANOTHER 21 days will see us homeward bound; in the meantime this is our last chronicle from Gibraltar.

Since our last "G.G." letter appeared we have been doing well at sport, our only defeat at hockey being against "A" Company whom we most heartily congratulate and thank for such an enjoyable game, but warn them to have an even stronger team against us next time we meet.

All our soccer matches have been friendlies, therefore we have not been able to find our best men. Our star player (Bds. Baker) has been unable to turn out for us at soccer owing to Battalion engagements.

Our Company gained 3rd place in the Garrison Cross Country Run and although this was not quite so good as expected, we are living in hopes of doing better in the Battalion Cross Country Run.

We are looking forward to good sport at Catterick, where we expect to compete with many of our old friendly teams again.

Since our last publication we have lost two very popular bandsmen, Godfrey and Cox; Godfrey left on the *H. T. Dorsetshire* on the 9th December and Cox left on a Destroyer on the 12th December. We have heard satisfactorily from both and our best wishes for success in civil life are with them.

Christmas Day was spent in the usual way, the Band being on "Fire Picquet" and therefore unable to leave barracks. We thank Sjt. Davies for the Xmas. Dinner which was very good and the pudding an exception, proof being in so many having two helpings.

On Boxing Night we held a most successful smoking concert in the Band Practice Room. Songs, Sketches, etc., were rendered by our N.C.O's and men and heartily applauded by all. We were very pleased to see so many Officers and old friends amongst us. They gave their turn on the stage, (which proves that at heart they are still as young as ever), in the rendering of

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a song entitled "Bottles"; they also did their share of emptying the aforementioned "Bottles". Table Tennis was played in a fashion by many, most of them hitting balls that were not there, which caused laughter all round. The Jazz Band rendered a short programme and so closed the evening which we are assured everyone present enjoyed, and also closed Xmas. 1929.

We here take the opportunity to wish all our readers a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FLAT PITCH.

"DRUMS" LETTER.

WE hope by the time this letter has found its way into the G.G., all our friends will have got over that Xmas feeling and settled down to work in the New Year.

Behold: The children of the charmers are straying away from the fold, we have just recently lost another three charmers, and we will be losing some more very shortly. We wish them the best of luck and success in the coming year, for they have served us well and have set a fine example to all.

We are very pleased to see the Adjutant back in the chair of office and congratulate him on his speedy recovery after his operation, we must not forget to congratulate the Signallers on their wonderful display of stick wagging and lamp flashing, in fact their lights shone that brightly that the citizens of Gibraltar thought that it was lightning. Last but not least we *must* congratulate Sjt. Collings on his daring feat of entering into matrimony (not, Matter o' Money) and wish him the very best of luck.

The burning question of the day is, "what has happened to the land of Tom-Toms and charmers"? for there is a great demand for more charmers to be sent out there. The hand of the mighty has been rather merciful unto us in only taking three of our fold so far. We hope that the flat pitch union will not permit any more. One thing the draft will have is one of the Welsh trebles (Terribles) on board to amuse them, for he is very fond of singing that famous opera "Misery Farm" to the tune of a Christmas Carol.

Well, the time is drawing near to the day when we will leave the "Rock of moans" and go back to the land of "Rain and Frost" which I must say everybody is looking forward to. I have heard that one of our noble fishermen has put in an application to use his fishing corks on the way home, so as to provide at least one meal of fish for the troops.

To conclude, we wish all ranks of the Battalion a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

"CHARMER".

'A" Company's Letter.

"A" Company have now returned once more to North Front.

We have been kept hard at it this quarter, in the Football and Hockey Leagues playing on the average 3 matches a week.

We are now half way through the Garrison "B" league and at present we stand 3rd having played 8, won 6, drawn 1, lost 1. The 2 teams above us are both very strong and chances of finishing top are not very rosy.

In the Battalion Hockey League we finished 3rd to 2 & 4 and "D" Company. We managed to defeat 2 & 4 but were lucky to do so as they were undoubtedly the better side, but in this particular match they had an off day.

In the Garrison Hockey Inter-Coy. Cup we won the first round comfortably against "C" (M.G.) In the 2nd round we once more met 2 & 4 and lost 1-0 after a replay. We hope that they will now win the Cup as they have reached the semi-final and have a strong side.

We had a quiet Christmas at North Front with much dancing at the Assembly Rooms.

R.Q.M.S. Jeanes has left us to take over his new appointment, we wish him every

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success and take this opportunity to thank him for all he did duridg his tour with "A" Company.

We are sending a large draft to India on the 14th January, we wish them the best of luck and believe that when they arrive at Wellington they will find it a pretty good station.

Sjt. McEvoy sailed on December 13th for a tour of duty with the 5th Bn. we are very sorry to lose him and hope he will have a happy time at Bury.

A.A.A.

"B" Company's Letter.

THE times are moving and though we are too late to express any wishes for Xmas we hope that the New Year will be a Bright and Prosperous one for everybody.

We have gone back to North Front for the remainder of our stay in Gibraltar and were surprised to find that the "Gunners" had made no impression on the "Square." Some of the Company are at present attached to them for "consideration and approval" and we hope that they will like their new surroundings.

Since our last letter a number of changes have taken place and there are a few new faces among our ranks.

Capt. Winterbottom has taken over the command of the Company from Captain Martin, who is working as Assistant Military Secretary to the Governor, and Commander-in-Chief.

We wish him every success in his new position and a speedy return to the Company. A Draft from the Depot provided us with some more men in November and although most of them are leaving us for India in the New Year we extend a hearty welcome to them and hope they enjoy their stay with the Battalion.

We shall shortly be leaving here for the moors at Catterick and everyone appears to be looking forward to that event. Christmas Day passed with much merry making and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all (except the Coupon Hunter).

Several of the Company have left us for the joys of Civil life and on arrival at Catterick we shall part with a few more who are eager to join the ranks of those who only parade at 9 and 2. We wish them success and hope that there will be no regrets.

As the Draft for India will soon be leaving Gibraltar we take this opportunity of wishing them *Bon Voyage* and a good time over the water.

In Sport we have very little to report although our Hockey team is in the semi-final of the Hockey Cup.

Since the last issue of the G.G. several of the Company have been "mentioned in despatches" and we wish to convey our congratulations to:—Lieut. Sandilands, Sjt. James, L/Sjt. Barker, Cpls. Bond, Huish and Clancy on their promotion.

To C.S.M. Capon and Sjt. James on having obtained their 1st Class Certificate and to Sjt. Ramsden on the addition to his family.

BEKO.

"C" (M.G.) Company's Letter.

THE Gunners take this opportunity of wishing the G.G., and all its readers the best of luck for 1930.

The new year has not opened out too well for us. There are so many of our Company departing that we wish 1930 had waited awhile until we were better prepared.

Major Massy-Westropp is on the point of leaving us for the depôt and we are not all willing to let him go. He is in very good company however since he joins the procession of ex-M.G. Commanders whose numbers steadily increase as the years roll by.

We trust that his tour of duty at Bury will be a happy one, and the Depôt will gain through our loss.

There are only three events to be chronicled for this past quarter, viz:—the presentation of Life-Saving Certificates by the Commanding Officer, the Christmas Dinner, and the publication of Army Council Instruction 457.

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Although the Company was fairly proficient at Aquatics, we were very poorly represented in the Life-Saving classes before our move to North Front.

The proximity of a good bathing place, combined with good weather made it easy to whip up interest, and as the result of the good work done by Sjt. Maxwell, we are now well provided with holders of the Life-Saving Certificates.

We also appreciate the debt that we, in common with other Coys., owe to Captain Surtees in this respect, and are desirous of expressing our gratitude.

With regard to the Christmas Dinner, it was such a huge success that there was only room for one adverse comment; that was that it shewed very bad management to have only one Xmas per year.

Owing to the Commanding Officer attending the dinners at North Front we were unable to greet him personally. His place was taken by our own Company Commander who, in toasting the Company, paid special attention to those who are about to join the 2nd Bn.

Capt. Dodson was present and received the usual ovation reserved for M. G. Officers.

Eating, being regarded by this Company as a very serious affair, was given the attention that it deserves and no more speeches were indulged in.

Messages were delivered from Lieut. R. S. Leamy, detained on duty, and Lieut. G. B. King who was unfortunately in hospital.

Capt. V. F. S. Hawkins sent a Card of greeting which was given the place of honour on the detail board.

We have long memories in the Gunners where our Officers are concerned, and we remembered them all on Xmas Day. Some are in the 2nd Bn., some on the T. A. Staff, one at the Arsenal, and others have finished their active part of gunning. Every N.C.O. and man was also remembered, and we are sure that they also cannot forget their happy times as Machine-Gunners.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas, even though it was perhaps a shade quieter than in previous years, and when our appetites were thoroughly satisfied we took another draft of McEwans best and thought with joy how jealous Rifle Companies would be when they knew that the Army Council had given us a very special Xmas-box, in the shape of A.C.I. 457.

It came along much the same as other A.C.Is. have done. There were no special markings in the border of holly or snow scenes, no impossible robins pecking impossible crumbs from impossible snow drifts. Just an ordinary lay-out of best printers ink, on a fairly good grade paper. But the words, the spirit! Marvellous!

One could picture the printer setting up his type with inky fingers, but an uplifted heart as he realizes the joy that his words would presently bring to the heart of Machine Gunners. Or perhaps this honest man did not appreciate the rapture that his work was to bring in its wake, may be his trade union would not let him enthuse over such a task? Still, regardless of his sentiments we prefer to think that he was glad, he allowed his countenance to shine, and afterwards went home and shed a few tears of joy in the bosom of his family.

The press (with the exception of the G.G.,) ignored the advent of this message of joy, and the man-in-the-street knows nothing about it.

Space prevents us from reproducing it in full, we can give only the opening lines of this "Gift to Gunners". Faultless in composition, the laws of syntax nicely observed, it conveys a thrill in the opening lines. For the benefit of those who do not subscribe to A.C.Is. we reproduce the initial lines.

457, POLISHING OF MOUNTINGS, TRIPOD, ·303 - in M.G., Mk. IV.

1. To improve the appearance of the mountiugs in actual use in peace, the surfaces of the parts mentioned in para. 3 will be polished.

No longer are we to hide the tripod's nether limbs in a modest "suiting" of Field Grey Paint. No longer will the spotless surface of brass and steel be concealed with a film of unsightly oil; TRIPODS WILL BE POLISHED. Sing! Brothers, Sing!

Now Comrades in Rifle Companies. What do you think about that? Can that unpleasant green tint that spreads over your once cheery faces be due to jealously? It is! Well! Well!

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Don't be too downhearted, there is still a chance that if you are very good during the year, you may be allowed to burnish the steel-work of your Rifles. Don't go too far with the competitive spirit and burnish your steel helmets and Lewis Guns, or we cease playing with you. Try to shine in other ways, and be sure of our best wishes.

We are prepared to mark this occasion by a special prize to the Bandsman who will set this A.C.I. to music of a joyous kind, suitable for a string band or a bagpipe quartette. When the works have been received we shall ask the Bandmaster to adjudicate, and the winner will receive the remains of the first burnisher used on the shiniest tripod.

Weather conditions have played havoc with our sports fixtures which will be fully reviewed in our next letter, providing that there are some new games played before we leave the station.

OMAR KHUSARK.

Up to the present we have failed to make the most of our opportunities, but we hope that the future will be a shade brighter. The next event of any importance is the Cross-Country run, and if our candidate is on form, we hope to surprise people.

Like the rifle Coys. we, view with alarm the gaps in our teams that the draft is responsible for, and we are anxious to try out our new blood.

We extend a hearty welcome to the thirty new men who have come to try their luck, and hope they will fill the places of those who are joining the 2nd Bn.

To those who have been promoted we offer our congratulations and look to them for assistance over the difficulties of 1930.

Those who are being drafted, or being turned over to Rifle Coys., take with them our best wishes, and grateful thanks, for the work they have done in the past.

As we conclude this letter we hear that the O. C. Coy. is going to hospital, we hope he will be out before this appears in print, and bring back Lieut. King with him.

The innoculated, and vaccinated gunners look a shade war-worn, and there are several others excused duties for lengthy periods, in fact the whole outlook is suggestive of a convalescent home.

Thanks to A.C.I. 457 there is still a bright side to look forward to.

"GUNS".

"D" Company's Letter.

Herewith our Christmas notes hoping our readers enjoyed a happy Christmas and wishing them all the best of luck in the coming year.

Since the last issue we have moved from North to South Barracks which are more warmer than the chilly North.

We welcome our new C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. in C.S.M. Brennan and C.Q.M.S. Day and hope they enjoy their stay with

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the reds. We also extend a welcome to Sjt. Smith and 25 Fusiliers from the Depot, who arrived on the 18th November and trust they too like their stay with the battalion (for many, however, somewhat short).

Our departures have been heavy, viz:— L/c Clare, Fus. Davies, Lowry, Bird and Price who have left us for Civil Life. We wish them all the best of luck in their new sphere.

On January 14th the Indian Draft left us, our contribution being no less than 50. We wish them every good luck and hope they enjoy themselves in India as we are certain they will.

In sports we are doing very well, having only been beaten once in the Garrison "B" League at Football. At the time of writing Sjt. Whitworth has been unable to play in the last four matches, owing to a sprained ankle and has been badly missed. It is hoped that by the time of issue he will be fit to assist us in the team again.

At hockey we have tied for 1st place in the Bn. Hockey League with "H.Q." 2 & 4, this being the first time that the Band have failed to win the Hockey League outright. In the Garrison Cup we were beaten in the 1st round by "HQ" Wing 3-2 after a very good game.

At Cross Country Running, in the Garrison race our team finished 2nd to the Royal Engineers whom we congratulate on their success. The Battalion Cross Country Race took place on the 6th January, 1930, i.e., after this letter was written, but we hope the Editor has found a place for the result. In the Garrison Race, Cpl. Keane finished first and we hope to see him repeat this success in the Battalion race.

We had our "dog and stick parade" on the 27th December and have all come to the conclusion that "dog and stick parades" should be confined to Tennis Courts and nothing larger, and even then conveyances should be provided.

RANGE.

Weapon Training Notes.

"D" Company is adjudged the Best Shooting Company for 1929. Averages by Companies are as follows:

Company.	Rifle Avge.	L. G. Avge.	Combined Avge.
"A"	81·7	71·88	153·58
"B"	79·32	79·5	158 82
"D"	81·6	83·5	165·1

Table "A" Parts V, VI and VII of the last draft resulted in Fus. Ashworth, "D" Company, winning the Commanding Officers prize for the highest score of the draft, with the excellent score of 247.

Fus. Ashworth also wins the bronze medal as the Champion Recruit Shot of 1929.

The average scores of squads in order of merit were:—

1	Sjt. Campbell's Squad	"A" Company	196·3
2	Cpl. Hartley's Squad	"B" Company	192·97
3	Cpl. McDermott's Squad	"A" Company	188·89
4	Sjt. Crossley's Squad	"B" Company	181·28
5	Cpl. Barker's Squad	"B" Company	179·65
6	L/c Bunn's Squad	"A" Company	167·24
7	Sjt. Ross's Squad	"A" Company	166·56
8	Cpl. Langan's Squad	"B" Company	162·87
9	Cpl. Walker's Squad	"D" Company	161
10	Cpl. Long's Squad	"D" Company	157·54
11	Sjt. Smith's Squad	"D" Company	155·8
12	Cpl. Keane's Squad	"D" Company	136·8

BEST SHOT BADGES.

"HQ" Wing L/c Brazier & Fus. Schofield.

"A" Company Sjt. Morris Coy. Shot.

"B" Company Sjt. Crossley Coy. Shot and best shot Sjts. and L/Sjts.

"D" Company Cpl. Keane Coy. Shot and best shot Cpls. and Fusiliers. Highest score in the Battalion.

All Companies concentrated on the elimination of 3rd Class Shots and as a result only nine men failed to pass out of 3rd class.

After neutralization of these 3rds by marksmen and 1st class shots, the percentages of 3rds in all rifle companies become minus quantities, whereas last year they varied from 3·6% to 8·9%.

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This excellent feature of the courses is the result of care in the zeroing of rifles and painstaking instruction on the part of the instructors.

On arrival at Catterick we intend concentrating on small bore shooting in preliminary training and by this means increase the high standard attained by the Battalion in 1929.

Football Notes (Soccer).

Football has been going with a rare swing on the Rock owing to there being properly organised Military leagues for Company and Regimental Teams.

The Regimental team to date is undefeated in the senior league and we have very high hopes of winning this. There is a very exacting programme ahead of us, as we have only five weeks in which to complete all our fixtures, each Company having at least 8 matches to play to complete the Garrison Inter-Coy. League, and the Regimental Team, 5 more matches to play. The draft for India will play havoc with some of the Company Teams and unfortunately we do not seem to get any outstanding players to take the place of the old brigade. The Battalion Inter-Coy. league has nor progressed very far as yet owing to the Garrison League taking up all our time.

Gib. is only a fine weather Football station owing to all the grounds being of clay soil and a slight fall of rain puts them out of action for a couple of days.

I append a league table for both Garrison leagues and as will be seen "Don" are well in the running again. What a game will be witnessed when they meet "Ack" Company in the Garrison league. The Battalion team met the Rest of the Garrison and easily defeated them by 6 goals to nil, although we are sure that owing to other calls the best players of the "rest" could not be utilised.

This article cannot be closed without an expression of appreciation to the three bottom teams in the league who turn out and face defeat with a good spirit. I have heard comments all over the Rock on their play and sportsmanlike conduct in all their matches.

All soccer fans in the Battalion are sorry that the Regimental Team and "Ack" and "Don" have lost the services of Cpl. Pope and Sjt. Whitworth respectively and we wish them an early return to the field and complete recovery from their injuries.

GIBRALTAR GARRISON "B" LEAGUE, 13-12-1929.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
29th Battery, R.A... ..	8	8	—	—	16
"D" L.F.	9	8	1	—	16
R.E. "A"	9	7	2	—	14
"A" L.F.	8	6	1	1	13
27th Battery, R.A... ..	7	5	2	—	10
S. & D.	7	4	2	1	9
"B" L.F.	9	4	4	1	9
R.A.S.C.	8	4	3	1	9
R.A.M.C	7	4	2	1	9
"H.Q." L.F...	8	4	4	—	8
4th Battery, R.A.	9	3	6	—	6
"C" (M.G.) L.F.	9	1	6	2	4
R.E. "B"	8	1	7	—	2
L.D.F.	7	—	6	1	1
Cormorant Ship	7	—	7	—	0
„ Shore	6	—	6	—	0

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Hockey Notes.

(*a*) The hockey team this season has been satisfactory, so far we have played three matches in the inter-regimental league.

In our first game against the Royal Artillery, the team played a good game. Team work was very satisfactory and the score of 4 goals to 1 did not flatter us, for with a little more steadiness in front of goal we should have scored three more.

In the second game against the Royal Engineers, we were not the same team by any means, through casualties, one or two changes were necessary in the team but this does not account for our not winning the game, we had opportunities on at least six occasions to score with ease but failed to do so. In the end we were fortunate to finish wtih a draw of one goal each. The Royal Engineers were simply all over us in the last ten minutes trying hard for the winning goal.

The third game was the return match with the Royal Artillery, a very robust game with much obstruction and wild hitting, both teams being at fault The score ended four goals to three in our favour. The two games against the Royal Navy and Staff and Departments had to be postponed through inclement weather.

HOCKEY RESULTS UP TO 24-12-1929.—INTER REGIMENTAL LEAGUE:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. scored
1/Lan. Fus.	3	2	1	0	5
R.A.	5	3	0	2	6
R.E.	5	2	2	1	6
Staff & Depts. ..	5	1	3	1	5
R.N.	5	0	0	5	0

(*b*) In the inter company garrison cup competition we were very unfortunate in the draw, for "D" Coy. & "HQ" Wing clashed in the first round and after a very evenly contested game "HQ" won by 3 goals to 2. "A" Coy. defeated "C" Coy. by 11 goals to nil, "B" Coy. drew a bye

In the second round "B" Coy. gained the best and most surprising victory in the competition for they were drawn against R.E. "A" Team which consisted of nine of their regimental team while "B" Coy. had only four of ours. The score ended 6 goals to 2 in favour of "B."

"H.Q." Wing were unfortunately drawn against another of our companies ("A" Coy.) in this round. The first game was a draw, two goals each, and in the replay "H.Q." won by one goal to nil.

We have therefore "B" Coy in one semi-final against the R.A S.C. and "H.Q." Wing in the other semi-final against the 4th Battery R.A. Both matches should be very closely contested. We hope for an L.F. final.

INTER-COMPANY GARRISON CUP KNOCKOUT.

R.A.M.C.	(2)	R.E. "A" ...	(2)	"B" Coy. L.F.	To be played 10-1-30
R.E. "A"	(3)	"B" Coy.... ...	(6)		
"B" Coy. L.F. ...	Bye				
R.A.S.C.	(7)	R.A.S.C.	(2)	R.A.S.C.	
Cormorant ...	(0)				
L.D.F	(0)	29th Battery R.A.	(1)		
29th Battery R.A.	(9)				
"C" Coy. L.F. ...	(0)	"A" Coy. L.F. ...	(0)	"H.Q." Wing, L.F.	To be played 10-1-30
"A" Coy. L.F. ...	(11)				
"D" Coy. L.F. ...	(2)	"H.Q." L.F. ...	(1)		
"H.Q." Wing, L.F.	(3)				
S. & D.	(7)	S. & D.	(1)	4th Battery, R.A.	
R.E. "B"... ...	(1)				
4th Battery R. A.	(1)	4th Battery R.A.	(3)		
27th Battery R.A.	(0)				

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THE BATTALION INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

The standard of play in the inter-company matches of "H.Q." 2 & 4, "D" Coy., "A" Coy., and "B" Coy., has been good. "D" Coy. in particular have made great strides and have given "H.Q." 2 & 4 (the holders) a great shock in finishing level with them. "A" Coy. beat "H.Q." 2 & 4 team and looked strong favourites when they in turn were beaten by "D" Coy., and drew with "B" Coy.

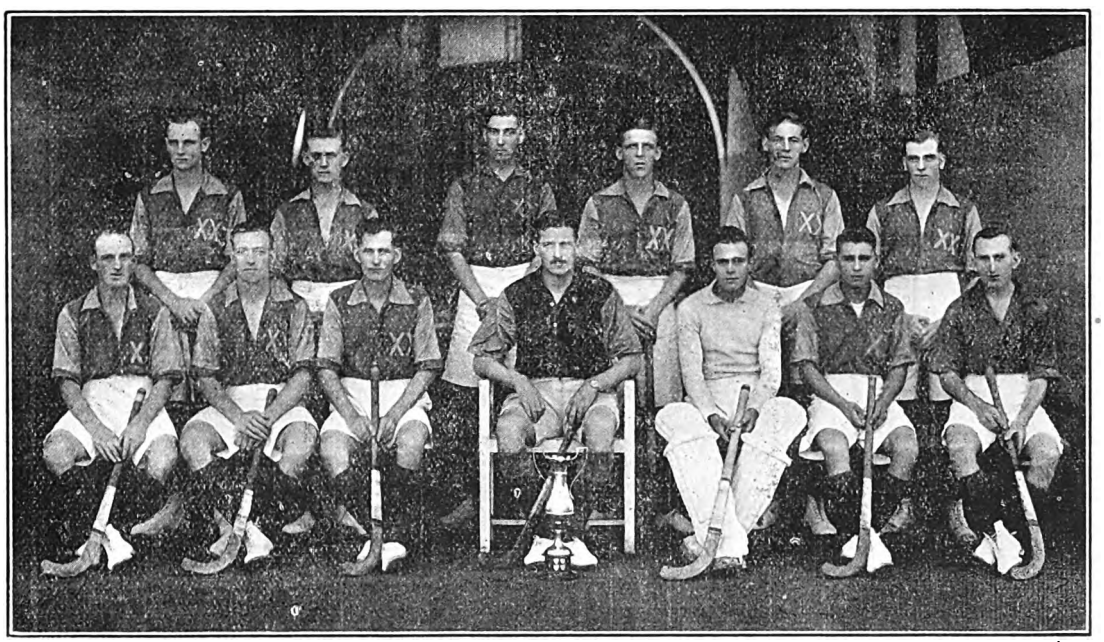
"H.Q." 1 & 3 and "C" Coy. have lost some useful players; the old men of "H.Q." 1 & 3 are too slow to hold their place in the strenuous hockey games of to-day. "C" Coy. were without the valuable services of Captain H. M. Dodson through injury, and Cpls. Humphreys and Melia did not rejoin their company from England in time to help them in the league.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
"HQ" 2 & 4 ..	5	4	1	0	8
"D" Coy. ..	5	4	1	0	8
"A" Coy. ..	5	3	1	1	7
"B" Coy. ..	5	1	2	2	4
"HQ" 1 & 3 ..	5	1	4	0	2
"C" Coy. ..	5	0	4	1	1

2nd Bn. THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS

Winners "Madras District" Hockey Tournament

1927-28-29.



STANDING—Left to right. Dmr. Sullivan, Fus. Ball, Bdsm. Southam, Fus. Whewell, L/C. Shires, Fus. Wooton.

SITTING—Fus. Watts. Fus. Green Sjt. Eastham. Capt. Rougier. (M.C.) Bdms. Taylor. Dmr. Stoneham. L/C. Mitchell.

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Cross Country.

The Inter-Coy. Cross Country Championships were held at North Front on January 6th. Owing to the very limited ground available it is extremely difficult to choose anything in the nature of a varied course and probably many of those who remember the Red Hills at Abbassia last year found the going too easy.

After a lap of the race course the runners were taken along the road to Sandy Bay, back to the race course and round it for two more laps—a total distance of just over five miles.

There was a really good race between Cpl. Keane and Fusilier Conroy for individual honours, the former winning by 10 yards, with Cuffe who had been well up with the leaders the whole time, 30 yards away, 3rd.

In the team championships "D" Coy. won for the second year in succession, "C" Coy. showing greatly improved form to get 2nd place and with their young and keen team should go near to winning next year.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1, Cpl. Keane, "D"; 2, Fus. Conroy, "C"; 3, Cpl. Cuffe, "B"; 4, Bds. Chadwick, "HQ" 2 & 4; 5, Fus. James, "D"; 6, L/c Law, "C"; 7, Fus. Wilson, "A"; 8, L/Cpl. Waters, "H.Q." 2 & 4; 9, Bds. Hobson, "H.Q." 2 & 4; 10, L/Cpl. Melchior, "A"; 11, Fus. Seegar, "C"; 12, Fus. Kenyon, "B".

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1	"D" Coy.	309 points	6 points for Lawrence Cup.
2	"C" Coy.	368 points	5 points for Lawrence Cup.
3	"H.Q." 2 & 4	391 points	4 points for Lawrence Cup.
4	"B" Coy.	441 points	3 points for Lawrence Cup.
5	"A" Coy.	497 points	2 points for Lawrence Cup.
6	"H.Q." 1 & 3	666 points	1 point for Lawrence Cup.

THE LAWRENCE CUP TOURNAMENT.

POSITIONS OF COMPANIES 6·1·30.

Coy.	Swimming		Water Polo		Rowing		Cricket		Hockey	X Country	Totals
	Team	Indiv.	1st L.	2nd L.	1st L.	2nd L.	1st L.	2nd L.			
"D" ...	4	5	5½	4	5½	3	6	5½	11	6	55½
"C"... ...	6	6	4	6	5½	6	4½	5½	2	5	50½
"B"... ...	5	4	5½	5	1½	1	4½	2½	6	3	38
H.Q. 2 & 4	2	3	3	3	1½	2	1½	4	11	4	35
"A"... ...	3	1	2	2	3	4	3	2½	8	2	30½
H.Q. 1 & 3	1	2	1	1	4	5	1½	1	4	1	21½

EVENTS TO BE DECIDED.

BAYONET FENCING, SOCCER, ATHLETICS.

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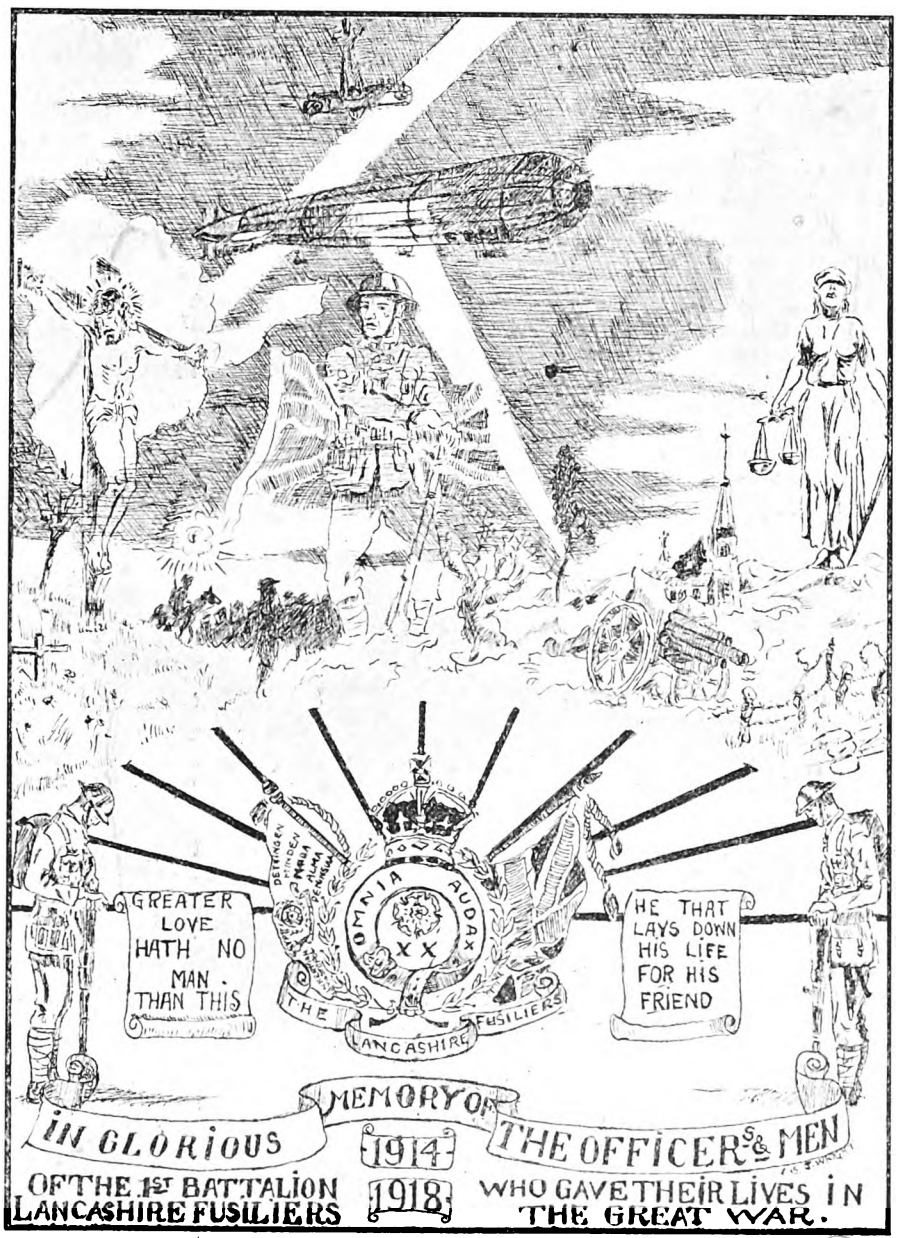
"HONOUR THEM", by W.J.S.

1

Tho' never again we meet,
Remembrance to us is sweet,
The memories of our dead we prize
They fought and died, on land and sea
To keep their dear homeland free,
Never to greater glory could rise.

2

Man's ambition had its price,
Man, made the sacrifice,
Made it with a smile and a jest,
To win us peace and happiness,
They would have done no less,
Than their "bit"—giving of their best.


GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS
OMNIA AUDAX
XX
THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS
HE THAT LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND
IN GLORIOUS MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS & MEN
OF THE 1st BATTALION 1914 1918 WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS THE GREAT WAR.

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Flanders fields, with poppies red,
That sprang up where our heroes bled,
And cover the graves of the slain,
Who having fought and died for peace,
Right and humanity to increase,
Have they died in vain?

BATTALION GAZETTE.

Promotions and Appointments.

3434110 R.Q.M.S. Shipwright, A. 'H.Q.' Promoted Warrant Officer class I and appointed R.S.M. at the Regimental Depot w. e. f. 8·12·29. (Authy.:— Officer i/c Records C.R. 1/493 dated 20·11·29.)

3440624 Cpl. Ingleton, C. E. J. 'H.Q.' Appointed (O.R.C.) Unpaid Lance Serjeant w.e.f. 8·11 29.

3435199 C.S.M. Jeanes, B. 'A.' Appointed R.Q.M.S. (W.O. II) 8·12·29 vice Shipwright promoted.

3434324 C.Q.M.S. Challenor, J. 'D.' Promoted W.O. Class II and appointed C.S.M. 8·12·29 vice Jeanes promoted.

4380574 C/Sjt. Day, E. 'H.Q.' Absorbed in the establishment of C/Serjeants 8·12·29 and appointed C.Q.M.S. vice Challenor promoted.

(Authority Officer i/c Records C.R. 1/493 dated 13·12·29.)

3439818 L/S. Maxwell, A. 'C.' Promoted Sjt. 26·11·29 vice Brennan promoted.

3434396 L/S James, R. 'B.' Promoted Sjt. 8·12·29 to complete establishment and appointed Mess Serjeant vice Brennan.

3435080 Cpl. Nodderman, J. 'A.' Appointed L/Sjt. 26·11·29 vice Maxwell, promoted.

3443160 Cpl. Barker, A. 'B.' Appointed L/Sjt. 8·12 29 vice James, promoted.

3441592 L/c. Bond, R. 'B.' Promoted Cpl. 15·9·29 to complete establishment.

3441912 L/c. Huish, A. 'B.' Promoted Cpl. 28·10·29 vice Lowry reduced.

3439030 L/c. Clancy, J. 'B.' Promoted Cpl. 12·11·29 vice Tirmney to Army Reserve.

3440068 L/c. Humphreys, R. 'C.' Promoted Cpl. 12·11·29 vice Watts to Army Reserve.

3441234 L/c. Melia, W. 'C.' Promoted Cpl. 26·11·29 vice Maxwell promoted.

3441033 L/c. Gilmartin, T. 'A.' Promoted Cpl. 8·12·29 vice James promoted.

6282433 L/c. Figg, H. 'H.Q.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 15·9·29 vice Bond promoted.

3440995 L/c. Abbott, F. 'H.Q.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 26·10·29 vice Clare to Army Reserve.

3434469 L/c. Urquhart, L. 'A.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 28·10·29 vice Huish promoted.

3441247 L/c. Carr, F. 'A.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 12·11·29 vice Clancy promoted.

3442688 L/c. Stevens, A. 'C.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 12·11·29 vice Humphreys promoted.

3442679 L/c. Shorrocks, J. 'C.' Appointed Paid L/c. 17·11·29 vice Schofield to Army Reserve.

3708563 L/c. McGladdery, E. 'D.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 26·11·29 vice Melia promoted.

3443250 L/c. Murray, J. 'H.Q.' Appointed Paid L/cpl. 8·12·29 vice Gilmartin, promoted.

7808603 Sjt. Brennan, F. 'H.Q.' Promoted Warrant Officer Class II and appointed C.S.M. w.e.f. 26·11·29 vice Miner discharged (Authy;— C.R. 2/249 d/- 2·12·29.)

3440018 Sjt. (O.R.S.) Hardy, A. E. 'H.Q.' Reference B.O. 134 (4) dated 4·10 29 for "28·7·29" substitute "27·7·29."

3440740 Cpl. Higson, J. 'B.' Promotion to Corporal antedated to 27·7·29 vice Hardy promoted.

3436774 Cpl. Chetham, 'H.Q.' Promotion to Cpl. antedated to 4·9 29 vice Thomas to A R.

3435689 Cpl. Humphreys, E. 'H.Q.' Promotion to Corporal antedated to 13·9·29 vice Crompton reduced.

3437116 Cpl. Halligan, G. 'H.Q.' Promotion to Corporal antedated to 13·9·29 vice Blythe reduced.

3442385 L/c. Barber, W. 'C.' Appointment to Paid Lance Corporal antedated to 27 7 29 vice Higson promoted.

3438938 L/c. McKenzie, W. 'D.' Appointment to Paid Lance Corporal antedated to 4·9·29 vice Chetham promoted.

740758 L/c. Pearson, C. 'C.' Appointment to Paid Lance Corporal antedated to 13 9·29 vice Humphreys promoted.

3441680 L/c. Almond, E. 'B.' Appointment to Paid Lance Corporal antedated to 13 9·29 vice Halligan promoted.

STRENGTH.

6336680 Fus. Davies, A. 'D.' Transferred to Army Reserve 27·11·29 under para. 369 (c) (i) King's Regulations (1928.)

3439057 Fus. McCarthy, W. 'B.' Transferred to the Army Reserve under K.R. (1928) para. 369 (i), 24·10 29, and struck off strength accordingly.

3514966 Fus. Kelly, R. 'D.' Transferred to the Army Reserve under K R. (1928) para. 369 (i), 25·10·29, and struck off strength accordingly.

3438955 Cpl. Watts, A. 'B.'

3438962 Cpl. Timney, T. 'A.'

3512176 L/c. Clare, T. 'D.'

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3439630 Fus. Blythe, C. 'B.'

3433437 Fus. Cooke, E. 'A.'

Transferred to Army Reserve 12·11·29 under K.R. (1928) para. 369 (1).

3442041 Fus. Rayson, S. 'A.' Transferred to Army Reserve 9·11·29 under K.R. (1928) para. 369 (1).

3428254 Fus. Palmer, S. 'D.' Transferred to Army Reserve 2·11·29 under K.R. (1928) para. 369 (1).

3440431 Fus. Crompton, J. 'A.' Transferred to Army Reserve 30·10·29 under K.R. (1928) para. 369 (ii).

3434074 C.S.M. Miner, A. 'D.' Discharged 25·11·29 under para. 370 (xxi) King's Regulations (1928).

3444189 Boy Forrester, A. Attested at Manchester for 1st Bn. Lan. Fus. 20·11.29. Posted to 'H.Q' Wing and remains attached to Depot.

3435298 L/c. Schofield, G. 'H.Q.'

1665675 Fus. Palmer, L. 'A.'

3438986 Fus. McGaughran, W. 'H.Q.'

Transferred to Army Reserve 9·12·29 under para. 369 (c) (i) King's Regulations.

7145453 Fus. Alexander, B. 'A.' Transferred to Army Reserve 2·12 29, under para. 369 (c) (i) King's Regulations.

3441226 Cpl. White, J. 'B.' Absorbed in Depot Establishment 3·9·29 vice Thomas.

SERVICE.

3436696 L/c. Fosker, A. J. 'A' Permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for one year from 9·2·30. (Authority:—O. i.c. Records No. C.R. 39 B 53.)

3434110 R.Q.M.S. Shipwright, A. 'H.Q.' Permitted to continue in the service for a period of one year from 19th March 1930, (Authority:—Officer i.c. Records No. C. R. 39 B 53 dated 25·9·29.

3436566 Cpl. Hartley, W. 'B.' Extended his Colour service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 24·9·29. (Authority:—O. i.c. Records No. 39 A 4 dated 27·9·29.)

6687725 Sjt. Johnson, S. 'H.Q.'

3437117 Dr.-Maj. Hewitt, F. 'H.Q.'

3437116 Cpl. Halligan, J. 'H.Q.'

3435689 Cpl. Humphreys, E. 'H.Q.'

3439818 L/S. Maxwell, A. 'C.'

Extended their service to complete 12 years with the Colours on 5·11·29. (Authy:—Officer i.c. Records No. 39 A 3 dated 14·11·29).

3440018 Sjt. Hardy, A. E. 'H.Q.' Extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours 26·11 29. (Authy:—Officer i.c. Records No. 39 A 3, dated 4·12·29).

3439030 Cpl. Clancy, J. 'B.' Extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours 11 12·29. (Authy. Officer i.c. Records, letter No. 39 A.R. dated 18·12·29).

EMBARKATION.

3443114 Fus. Kerr, W. 'B.'

3520177 Fus. Stirrup, S. 'B.'

3443053 Fus. Flood, P. 'H.Q.'

Embarked on H.M.S. *Maine* on 8·11·29 from Military Hospital for the United Kingdom

3435298 L/c. Schofield, G. 'H.Q.'

3438986 Fus. McGaughran, G. 'H.Q.'

7145453 Fus. Alexander, B. 'A.'

1665675 Fus. Palmer, L. 'A.'

Embarked on H.M.S. *Malaya* 17·11·29 AM. for transfer to the Army Reserve.

3434110 R.S.M. Shipwright, A. 'H.Q.' Embarked on S.S. *Macedonia* AM. 9·12·29 for permanent posting to Depot Lan. Fus. Struck off strength accordingly.

3516292 Fus. Lockett, E. 'H.Q.'

3442157 Fus. Hibbard, J. 'H.Q.'

3539046 Fus. Bailey, W. 'H.Q.'

3439058 Fus. Marsh, G. 'H.Q.'

3442305 Fus. Moran, W. 'H.Q.'

3439327 Fus. Beak, E. 'H.Q.'

4182771 Fus. Schofield, W. 'H.Q.'

3439025 Fus. Geoghegan, L. 'H.Q.'

2556660 Fus. Borrinetti, F. 'H.Q.'

4117947 Fus. Sheedy, P. 'H.Q.'

3439421 Fus. Lowry, H. 'D.'

3442131 Fus. Bird, G. 'D.'

3433051 Fus. Price, W. 'D.'

3438803 Fus. Alker, H. 'B.'

3436823 Fus. Pearce, J. 'B.'

Embarked on H. T. *Dorsetshire* 13 12·29. AM. for transfer to the Army Reserve.

3434439 Fus. Godfrey, C. 'H.Q.' Embarked on H.T. *Dorsetshire* 13·12·29 AM. for discharge.

3435689 Cpl. Humphreys, E. 'H.Q.'

3440995 L/c. Abbott, F. 'H.Q.'

Embarked on H.T. *Dorsetshire* 13·12 29 AM. for course of signalling. Attached to depot for all purposes.

6137692 Pte. Knight, F. E.R.S.

6136060 L/S. Dixon, H. E.S.R.

Embarked on H.T. *Dorsetshire* 13·12·29 AM. Rejoining unit.

3434326 Sjt. McEvoy, D. 'A.' Embarked on H.T. *Dorsetshire* 13·12·29 AM. on posting to the permanent staff 5th Bn. The Lan. Fus.

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3435629 Fus. Cox, W. 'H.Q.' Embarked on H.M.S. *Wolverine* A.M. 16-12-29 for transfer to the Army Reserve.

3539045 Fus. Senior, W. 'A.' Embarked on H.T. *Dorsetshire* 13-11-29 A.M. for transfer to the Army Reserve.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned have been awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education at an examination held in Gibraltar in October, 1929. Date of award 9-10-1929.

3435318 Sjt. Kirke, P. 'H.Q.' (Distinguished in Maths.)

3442959 L/c. McDonald, J. 'H.Q.'

3313120 Boy Simpson, H. 'H.Q.' (Distinguished in Geography.)

3434272 C.S.M. Capon, F. 'B.' (Distinguished in Maths.)

6687725 Sjt. Johnson, S. 'H.Q.'

3134396 L/S. James, R. 'B.'

The following qualified in the subjects named:—

3441067 L/c. Wilson, G. 'C.' English, Maths. and Geography. (Distinguished in Maths.)

3443121 Boy Lucy, J. 'H.Q.' Geography and Map Reading.

3134542 Sjt. Wootton, P. 'D.' English and Geography.

3437116 Cpl. Halligan, G. 'H.Q.' English and Geography.

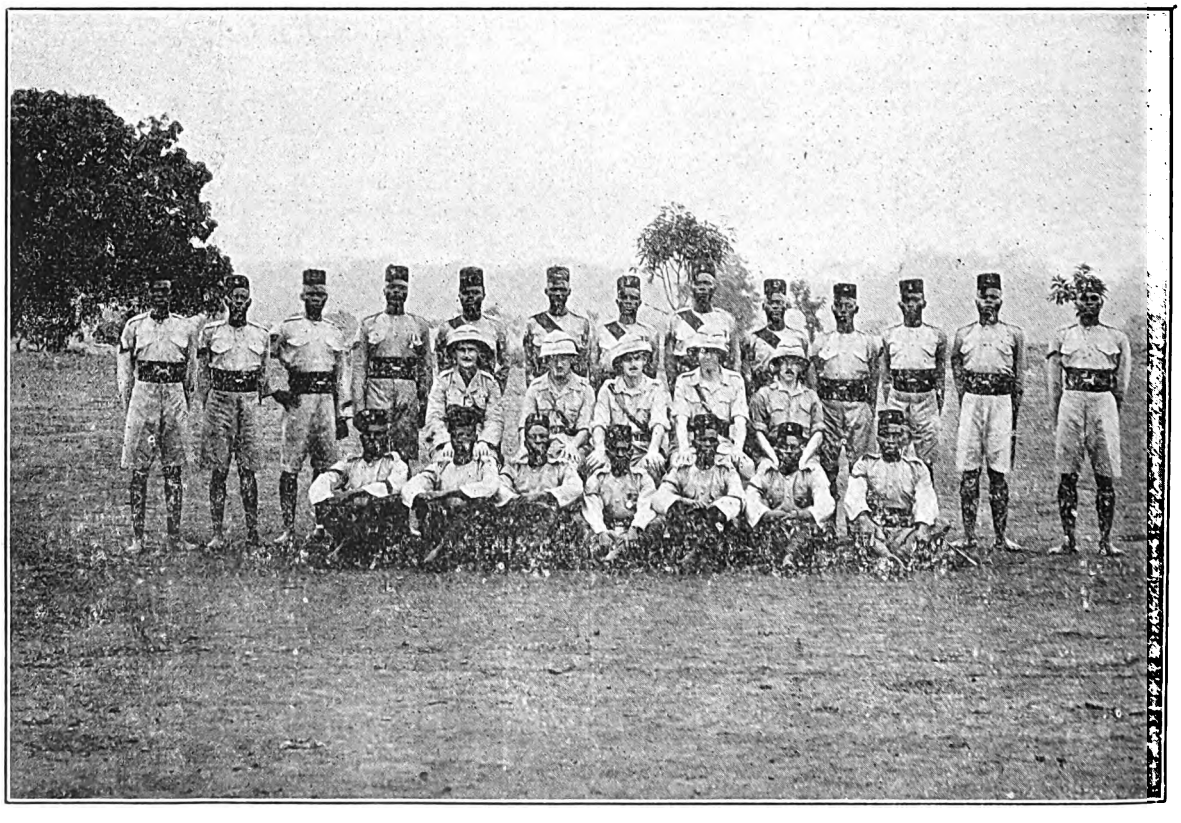
Authority W.O. letter No. 43/Certs./849 (M.T. 2) dated 29-10-29.

BIRTHS.

MORRIS.—At Wrexham on the 21st September, 1929. To the wife of Sjt. J. Morris, "A" Coy., 1st Lancashire Fus. —a son, William.

HARVEY.—At Gibraltar on the 13th November, 1929. To the wife of C.Q.M.S. Harvey, "C" Coy., 1st Lancashire Fus. —a daughter Myrtle Jean.

RAMSDEN.—At Gibraltar on the 21st December, 1929. To the wife of Sjt. W. Ramsden, "B" Coy., 1st Lancashire Fus. —a son, Dennis Cecil.



Lieut C. W. WOOD and the Officers and N.C.O.'s of "D" Company 3rd Battalion R.W.A.F.F., Nigeria.

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Calendar for Regimental History.

JANUARY.

1st 1837 Headquarters and Right Wing XX left Bombay for England.

2nd 1726 Wolfe born.

1809 Action at Bembibre (Peninsular).

3rd 1809 Skirmish at Calcabellos. (Peninsular).

4th 1809 Skirmish at Villa Franca. (Peninsular).

1919 2/5th Bn. inspected by King of the Belgians.

5th 1749 Wolfe gazetted Major in XX Foot.

1809 Skirmish at Noagles.

6th 1814 Skirmish at Bastide de Clarence. (Peninsular).

7th 1809 Action at Lugo

8th

9th 1809 XX under arms, Betanzos (Corunna).

10th 1809 Retreat to Corunna continued.

11th 1809 XX occupied El Burgo.

12th 1809 Retreat to Corunna ends.

13th 1809 Explosions of Magazines at Corunna.

14th

15th 1881 1st Bn. left Malta for Ireland.

16th 1809 Corunna. Battle honour on Colours.

17th

18th

19th

20th 1900 Action at Venters Spruit (Boer War).

21st 1898 2nd Bn arrived in Egypt from India.

22nd 1901 Death of Queen Victoria.

23rd 1864 Two Companies 2nd Bn. landed Yokohama.

24th 1900 Spion Kop.

25th 1872 2nd Bn. arrived at Queenstown from South Africa.

26th 1900 Crossing of the Tugela River.

27th 1870 New Colours presented to 1st Bn. by Lord Straithnairn at Kilkenny.

28th 1814 XX cross River Adour (Peninsular).

29th 1901 Skirmish at Boshman's Kop

1916 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Bns. landed in France.

30th 1902 Skirmish at Ronderon.

31st 1809 Last portion of XX left Corunna for England.

FEBRUARY.

1st 1901 Skirmish at Winkelshoek.

2nd 1901 Funeral of Queen Victoria 4th Bn. on duty.

3rd 1794 Capture of Cape Tiboron (War with France).

4th

5th 1900 Battle of Vaal Kranze.

6th

7th

8th 1875 1st Bn. armed with Martini-Henry rifles.

9th 1902 Vrede Fort Road.

10th 1727 Commencement of 13th Siege of Gibraltar, (War with Spain).

11th

12th 1902 Skirmish at Blesbok Laagte.

13th

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14th 1916 10th Bn. German attack on the Bluff.

15th 1900 6th Bn. arrived in South Africa.

16th

17th

18th

19th 1858 Action at Pampara and Amerapur (Indian Mutiny).

1900 5th Bn. embodies at Bury.

20th 1759 Capture of L'Acul (War with France).

21st 1900 6th Bn. landed at Capetown.

22nd 1906 1st Bn. left Gibraltar for Malta.

23rd 1858 Action at Sultanpore (Indian Mutiny)

24th

25th

26th 1814 Passage Gave de Pau (Peninsular).

27th 1814 Battle of Orthes (Peninsular) Battle Honour on Colours.

28th 1794 Attack on Bompard.

29th

MARCH.

1st 1763 XX left England for Gibraltar.

1855 XX armed with Enfield rifles.

1901 1st Bn. arrived Malta from Crete.

2nd 1813 XX crossed River Croe (Peninsular).

3rd 1858 2nd Bn. XX Regt. raised at Clonmel, Ireland.

4th 1858 XX arrived at Lucknow after marching 130 miles and fighting 3 actions in 13 days.

5th 1873 1st Bn. left Ireland for Bermuda.

1900 4th Bn. raised.

6th 1865 Half Battery Field Artillery raised out of 2nd Bn. in Japan.

1902 Action at Boshman's Kop.

7th

8th 1855 Advance trench before Sevastopol held by Sjt. Campbell and 12 men of XX.

9th 1858 Commencement of Siege of Lucknow (Indian Mutiny.)

10th 1762 Gottingen (Seven Years' War).

11th

12th 1858 Skirmish at Lucknow.

13th

14th 1858 Attack on Kaiser Bagh (Indian Mutiny).

15th

16th 1858 Capture of Residency. Lucknow on Colours.

1915 1st Bn. embarked at Avonmouth for Gallipoli.

17th 1858 Skirmish at Chandi Chouk. (Ind. Mutiny).

18th 1858 Skirmish in Lucknow.

19th 1858 Skirmish near Lucknow.

20th 1750 Wolfe promoted Lieut.-Colonel XX.

21st 1918 Opening of German offensive, Arras to Aisne.

22nd

23rd 1853 Sortie from Sebastopol.

24th 1762 Action at Gottingen.

25th 1903 Detachment 3rd Bn. in aid of civil power, Trinidad.

1918 5th, 7th and 8th Bns. heavily attacked Benhagnies.

26th 1794 Capture of Fort Bizotton (War with France).

27th 1802 XX reduced to one Battalion.

1867 1st Bn. arrived in England from India.

28th 1858 2nd Bn. formed.

1918 2nd Bn. repulse German attack at Arras. Lieut. Cassidy awarded Victoria Cross.

29th

30th 1918 L. Cpl. Halliwell, 11th Bn. awarded Victoria Cross.

31st 1898 3rd Bn. raised.

1902 Action at Poshbult.

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